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DATE: February 26, 2013

CC: District Public Information Officers

SUBJECT: 2013 Severe Weather Awareness Week

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has declared the week of March 3-9, 2013 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The National Weather Service will initiate a statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 5, at approximately 9 a.m. using NOAA weather radios. If your school radio is set to receive tornado codes, it should receive the drill message at approximately 9 a.m. If your radio malfunctions or is not properly programmed, and you have not received the message by 9:15 a.m., please continue the drill exercise.

This annual drill is a way for students to learn simple precautions that could save lives. I strongly encourage every school district to take advantage of this excellent teaching opportunity.