Horry County Schools
Budget Assumptions/Parameters – Fiscal Year 2014-15

The administration will prepare a recommended budget based upon the following *ASSUMPTIONS*:

1. The student population is expected to increase by approximately *"TBD"* new students.

2. Certain basic operational costs are expected to increase for the 2014-15 fiscal year including but not limited to insurances and utilities.

3. Employees will be provided a step increase based upon their years of experience and any cost of living adjustment as determined by the State.

4. Personnel allocation formulae will remain the same as the current fiscal year, with the exception of 2 additional students to the middle school average classroom per Board of Education action. The District will seek additional savings to counter the increase in class size at the middle school level.

5. Additional resources will be needed due to realignment and student growth.

6. Title I and other special funds will be used to provide additional opportunities to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

7. Revenue projections will be based upon the most recent version of the State Appropriations Bill.

8. The District does not anticipate any additional local revenue for operations from property tax receipts.

The administration will prepare a recommended budget that is in compliance the Board of Education's governance policies and the following *PARAMETERS*:

1. The District will comply with all applicable State and/or Federal laws and regulations.

2. Resources will support the District's vision to be a premier world-class school system in which every student acquires an excellent education.

3. The District will provide the curriculum programs and instructional support which have been proven to be effective for students, with a primary emphasis on literacy.

4. The District must provide the instructional support essential to meet the State and Local accountability goals.

5. The District must provide resources for unfunded mandates.

6. The support services and operational aspects of the District will be maintained such that the essential services provided to students and staff will be continued.

7. The District will identify funding sources for new programs and/or initiatives.