



Charleston County School District
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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF NEXT LEVEL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC
 AND DARLENE DUNMEYER-ROBERSON
 BY
 CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATE OF POSTING: September 15, 2026

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026, Henry Dargan McMaster, the Governor of the State of South Carolina ("SC Governor"), requested the Office of the State Inspector General to "initiate and conduct an appropriate investigation, review and analysis of the conduct of one or more members of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees"; and

WHEREAS, in August 2026, the Office of the State Inspector General issued its report entitled Investigation of the Charleston County School Board of Trustees for Potential Misconduct, Disclosure of Confidential Information and Adverse Fiscal Impacts (the "SCOIG Report"); and

WHEREAS, the SC Governor, by Executive Order No. 2026-19 indicated that, pursuant to the SCOIG Report, he found that it "appear[s] to [his] satisfaction" that Charleston County School Trustee Darlene Dunmeyer-Roberson ("Dunmeyer-Roberson") has "wilfully commit[ted] or engag[d] in an act of malfeasance, misfeasance, chronic unexcused absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct in office or persistent neglect of duty in office" S.C. Code Ann. §59-19-60; and

WHEREAS, Dunmeyer-Roberson is the Owner/Member of Next Level Educational Services, LLC ("Next Level") and currently operates Next Level; and

WHEREAS, the SCOIG Report made numerous allegations regarding improprieties related to Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson, many of which related to Charleston County School District ("CCSD" or "District") procurement; and

WHEREAS, the CCSD Consolidated Procurement Code and Regulations ("CCSD Procurement Code" and "CCSD Procurement Regulations") govern CCSD procurement matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4220 of the CCSD Procurement Code, CCSD has initiated an investigation related to potential debarment of Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson related to the allegations against Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson contained within the SCOIG Report; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the SCOIG Report alleges, *inter alia*, the following specific allegations against Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson:



1. Dunmeyer-Roberson shared confidential and/or privileged CCSD Board of Trustee ("Board") Information with a vendor (i.e., Next Level) violating Board member's fiduciary duties by giving inside information and affording Next Level with an unfair advantage in a contractual matter with CCSD.
2. Dunmeyer Roberson utilized official District email and directed a District school principal to meet with a potential CCSD vendor, affording that vendor with an unfair advantage in a contractual matter with CCSD.
3. Dunmeyer-Roberson potentially violated the State Ethics Act by using her office to influence a governmental decision in which she and an individual she is associated with and/or a business in which she is associated with has an economic interest.
4. Dunmeyer-Roberson, dba Next Level (a District vendor), obtained money from the District under false pretenses via fraudulent invoicing scheme(s), including, but not limited to, double-billing errors and exorbitant late-fee billings, and potentially violated Title 1 Funds as a District vendor.
5. Dunmeyer-Roberson violated the SC Ethics Act, the CCSD Procurement Code, the CCSD Procurement Regulations and Board policies.

WHEREAS, CCSD has commenced its investigation into these matters and has determined that the SCOIG Report includes probable cause for debarment of Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson; and

WHEREAS, CCSD's Chief Financial Officer, as the chief business official, has determined that the allegations made against Next Level and Dunmeyer-Roberson are so serious and compelling as to affect their responsibility as a District contractor,

NOW, THEREFORE, CCSD hereby finds as follows:

1. Pursuant to the terms of the Charleston County Consolidated Procurement Code and under the Authority granted in Section 4220(1) of same, Charleston County School District hereby suspends Next Level Educational Services, LLC and Darlene Dunmeyer-Roberson from consideration for award of contracts or subcontracts.
2. The period of the suspensions will include the period of time during which CCSD conducts its investigation and/or during which any legal action(s) related to the allegations contained within the SCOIG Report, whichever is longer.
3. Pursuant to Section 4220(5), this decision is final and conclusive, unless fraudulent or unless the suspended business requests further administrative review by the Procurement Review Panel pursuant to Section 4410(1), within then (10) days of the posting of this decision in accordance with Section 4220(4). The request for review must be directed to the Chief Financial Officer, who shall forward the decision to the



Procurement Review Panel, and must be in writing, setting forth the reasons why the business disagrees with the decision of the Chief Financial Officer. The business may also request a hearing before the Procurement Review Panel.

4. These suspensions shall remain in full force and effect until retracted by another written document posted on the CCSD Procurement Department website by CCSD, including, but not limited to, a document lifting the suspension(s) and/or a document debarring Next Level and/or Dunmeyer-Roberson.



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Chief Financial Officer

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