



DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR

Jeffrey Beckwith, Superintendent

Phyllis Hughes, Board Chair

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, More than 43 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 62.7 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, Every year, one in three young adults drop out of high school;

WHEREAS, American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels;

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college;

WHEREAS, Adult Education and family literacy programs assist adults who are parent or family members in obtaining the education and skills that are necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children and lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family;

WHEREAS, The 52 local adult education providers in South Carolina provide instruction and testing services for residents seeking to attain a high school equivalency credential and support adults in strengthening core literacy, numeracy, and digital skills, learning English as a second language and civics, and preparing for college or to immediately enter a career pathway;

WHEREAS, In 2022 – 2023, Dorchester County Adult Education served 428 adult learners; 94 earned a high school equivalency diploma (GED); 59 English Language Learners completed skills upgrades and / or graduated with a high school credential; 8 met their family literacy goals; 5 met their workplace literacy goals; 31 obtained a workplace credential; and 800 digital literacy lessons were taught;

WHEREAS, Dorchester School District Four celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the National Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

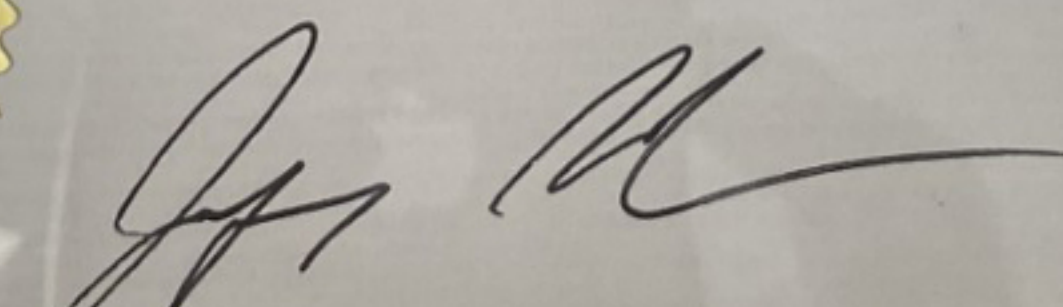
THEREFORE, We, Dorchester School District Four, proclaim September 18 – 22, 2023 as

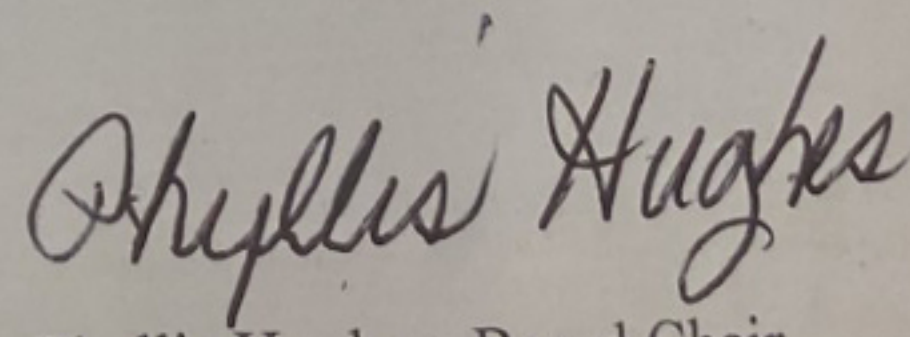
"ADULT EDUCATION FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

in Dorchester County, SC and encourage all Dorchester County citizens to work together to promote Adult Education and increase literacy among our residents.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the
Dorchester County, this 19th day of September, 2023.




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