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## Statement from South Carolina Association of Christian Schools regarding SAFE Grants temporary restraining order

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Association of Christian Schools (SCACS) released the following statement in response to a judge's decision to temporarily block the use of SAFE grants. On Monday, Governor Henry McMaster announced the SAFE Grants program that provides up to \$6,500 to low- and middle-income South Carolina families to use for tuition at participating independent schools. The statement below can be attributed to Edward Earwood, executive director for South Carolina Association of Christian Schools.

"Gov. McMaster deemed essential the education of all students in South Carolina, understanding that every student should be educated in an environment that best meets his or her needs, whether public, private, or religious school. This injunction would hurt the future of our state by hurting low- and middleincome families who want to send their children to the school that best fits them.

"Thank you, Gov. McMaster, for your leadership and vision for our state during our current pandemic. We stand with the parents of South Carolina who want the best education choice for their children and pray for a swift and appropriate resolution to the matter."

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