Education Superintendent Visits Leath Braille Production Center

On October 19, 2016, State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, paid a special visit to Leath Correctional Institution to see the very successful Braille Production Center. The center opened in 2002 through a partnership between the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind and SCDC. The Braille Production Center at Leath CI provides textbooks and other educational materials to blind students throughout South Carolina for the State Department of Education. Secretary Spearman praised the work of the inmates and employees at the center and thanked them for their invaluable service to the blind students of South Carolina.



State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman

The Braille Production Center currently employs 12 inmates as textbook transcribers and tactile graphics specialists. The inmates learn new skills, give back to society, and prepare to successfully reenter the community. Inmates work 37.5 hours per week and produce an average of 5,800 Braille pages and 1,300 tactile graphics per month.



The Braille Production Center produces K-12 textbooks. Students range from early readers to those taking Calculus and foreign languages. Material is embossed and bound on site after an extensive proofreading process.