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## Partnership with USC’s Frank Martin to focus on students, math, and basketball

**Columbia** – The SC Education Oversight Committee (EOC) today announced “Martin’s Math Club,” a partnership with University of South Carolina Head Men’s Basketball Coach Frank Martin and the University of South Carolina Athletics Department. Martin, a former high school math educator, developed the project designed to help young people learn that math is fun and relevant in their daily lives.



“Math is everywhere in the game of basketball and learning math teaches you how to work problems out every day,” Martin said. “I am thrilled to be able to work with the students and teachers of math in South Carolina on this important project.”

The inaugural “Martin’s Math Club” contest will run from November 28, 2016-February 24, 2017. The contest provides the opportunity for teachers and students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade to win two tickets to a University of SC Men’s Basketball team home game. With assistance from SC math educators, the EOC published 18 standards-based lessons for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade that incorporate math and basketball. Each teacher that incorporates at least one of two available lessons into their teaching has the chance to win two tickets to a USC home basketball game and each student who receives a lesson will be eligible to win two tickets to a home basketball game. Winners will be recognized at each game and may have the chance to meet Coach Martin. Contest details can be found online at [www.helpwithmathsc.org](http://www.helpwithmathsc.org).

“The EOC was so pleased to be asked to work with Coach Martin on this project,” stated EOC Chairman Neil Robinson. “It came along at an opportune time as we were working on how to best get resources out to families and out-of-school time programs about how to best support students of math outside of the school day.”

Along with “Martin’s Math Club,” the EOC is publishing resources to help families and others help support specific math concepts learned at school. The grade-specific tools can be found online at [www.helpwithmathsc.org](http://www.helpwithmathsc.org). Math educators from South Carolina helped develop the content, which guides users to appropriate books, websites, apps, as well as sample activities.

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