

From: Soura, Christian
To: Joe Waters <jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org>
Date: 10/12/2012 10:38:19 AM
Subject: RE: Email Introduction

Would 1:30 next Friday work?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Waters [mailto:jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 10:09 AM
To: Soura, Christian
Subject: FW: Email Introduction

Hi Christian,

I'd love a chance to chat with you about this. I am in Columbia next Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoon. Does anything work those days for a short meeting?

Thank you!

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Pitts, Ted [mailto:TedPitts@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 9:56 AM
To: Joe Waters
Cc: Soura, Christian
Subject: RE: Email Introduction

Joe,

I hate to keep forwarding you around but Christian Soura in our office is the appropriate person to deal with on this.

Ted

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Waters [mailto:jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org]

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 11:01 AM

To: Pitts, Ted

Subject: Fwd: Email Introduction

Ted,

I hope you're well. The Institute for Child Success (www.instituteforchildsuccess.org<<http://www.instituteforchildsuccess.org>>) was founded in 2010 as a partnership between the Children's Hospital at Greenville Hospital System and the United Way to work on systemic issues impacting children across South Carolina. A number of important Upstate leaders, including Frances Ellison and Dick Wilkerson, serve on our Board.

We are currently working with a government relations firm on a draft piece of reauthorization legislation for First Steps that would significantly reform the organization along the lines of greater accountability, transparency, and a more rigorous focus on positive outcomes for children. We support the initiative in principle, but are eager to see significant reform. We will present our ideas and sample legislation during the First Steps reauthorization panel meetings over the next month. First Steps is aware of the work we are doing and we have sought to be completely transparent with them.

I believe the sorts of reforms we have in mind are consistent with Governor Haley's approach to governance and would be of interest to her. I would love an opportunity to sit down with you very soon to seek your input and discuss this further.

I will be happy to meet in Columbia when it is most convenient for you. Please let me know.

Thanks very much--

Joe

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ragley, Jay" <JRagley@ed.sc.gov<<mailto:JRagley@ed.sc.gov>>>

Date: October 9, 2012 6:20:11 PM EDT

To: "TedPitts@gov.sc.gov<<mailto:TedPitts@gov.sc.gov>>" <TedPitts@gov.sc.gov>, Joe Waters <jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org<<mailto:jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org>>>

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Ted:

Hope all is well on the First Floor of the State House.

Ted, meet Joe Waters, Associate Director at the Institute for Child Success in Greenville. jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org<<mailto:jwaters@instituteforchildsuccess.org>>

Joe, meet Ted Pitts, Deputy Chief of Staff (Legislative and Cabinet Affairs) for Governor Nikki Haley.
TedPitts@gov.sc.gov<mailto:TedPitts@gov.sc.gov>

Ted, Joe was looking for a contact with Governor Haley regarding legislative issues. I told him you were the point person for such inquiries. Hence, this email introduction.

I'll leave it to the two of you to communicate as necessary on the legislative issues yall would like to discuss. Hope you both have a good evening.

JWR

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