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Date: 4/25/2014 10:08:54 PM
Subject: Fwd: URGENT: media request

From a text from the reporter -

Okay, that might be helpful. The way it was described to me is in Beaufort County, for example, they are getting a \$1.65M EFA increase but that is offset by a \$2.35M EIA decrease. This largely seems to effect coastal counties or those with higher property values.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bowman, Sarah" <sbowman@islandpacket.com>
Date: April 25, 2014 at 9:46:53 PM EDT
To: "Mayer, Doug" <DougMayer@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT: media request

Hi Doug,

Thank you for getting back to me promptly. The story is slated to run Sunday, so I will still be able to get in to the story tomorrow morning.

Several of the members of our local legislative delegation have said that the new education initiative is largely (but not solely) for decreases in state funding for several districts.

Looks like people might be talking about different things, but calling it the same.

Sarah

On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 9:35 PM, Mayer, Doug <DougMayer@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Sarah, thanks for your email. When is this story slated to run?

I have to talk to our policy staffers to 100 percent confirm, but it's my understanding that the governor's education initiative already has "hold harmless" barriers built in. As in no school district will lose funding bc of it.

Who is saying otherwise?

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On Apr 25, 2014, at 9:03 PM, "Bowman, Sarah" <sbowman@islandpacket.com> wrote:

Hi Doug,

My name is Sarah Bowman and I am a reporter with The Island Packet, a paper down in Beaufort County. I am working on a story looking at how Gov. Haley's education initiative is affecting education funding in some districts.

For example, down in Beaufort County, the school district could lose about \$700,000 in EIA funding as it is re-routed or weighted based on free and reduced-price lunch, Medicaid, students not meeting state standards, etc.

I was just hoping to get a comment about this initiative and how it is effecting funding.

- Did Gov. Haley know that the initiative would have this effect on some districts? What does she or her office think about these effects?

- I know several senators said they will try to get a "hold harmless" appropriation put in the budget for these districts, do you think that is a good idea? Why or why not?

If there is anyway I could hear back from you tonight or early tomorrow morning, I would greatly appreciate it! Thank you very much, I look forward to hearing from you!

Sarah Bowman

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