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Subject: FW: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Attachments: DraftResolution2013Final.docx

#SuggestedProclamation2013.docx

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Proclamation request below is from Ballentine. Before I send this to Katherine Thomas are you able to approve if she should do this this proclamation.

Thanks, Veldran

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From: Nathan Ballentine [mailto:NathanBallentine@schouse.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 6:27 PM

To: Veldran, Katherine

Subject: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Katherine,

See email below and attached suggested language for a Proclamation for School Improvement Councils across SC!

Mrs. Barber is a former constituent (redistricting has her in Rep. Hart's district now) and one of my first supporters and sharpest educational "go-to" person for advice.

I believe our School Improvement Councils (when active) are a key ingredient in parental involvement and improving our overall school environments.

Will you have the Governor consider this request? In light of the State of the State and Educational Conversations, this seems perfect timing for a quick approval. Please note past Governor's support.

Will you also please contact Ms. Barber to let her know you will present this to the Governor for her consideration...and then let me know this week or next what the Governor decides to do?

As always – thanks!

Nathan

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From: Cassie Barber [mailto:cassandrabarber@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 2:15 PM

To: Nathan Ballentine

Subject: Concurrent Resolution request and...

Hello Nathan,

Hope the session is off to a good start for you. In enjoyed your FB post about JC's vote on the record!

Some good things may be coming our way at SC-SIC. Melanie Barton and the EOC hatched a new plan that demonstrates their support for us and which may help to keep funding for SC-SIC and a few other USC education programs more stable. We will see how it all unfolds. Your support over the years has always meant so much.

I am writing today because this year marks the 35th anniversary of School Improvement

Councils and we would like to have a concurrent resolution introduced to help us mark that event. There are others we could invite to co-sponsor - especially my Policy Fellows; Laurie Funderburk, Jerry Govan and Don Bowen, but I'll leave that up to you. A draft is attached.

And there is something else I could use your guidance on. In past years our governors have proclaimed the month of March as School Improvement Council month (I have proclamations from Campbell, Beasley, Hodges and Sanford in the office), especially during anniversary years. I hope that Governor Haley will sign one this year.

Unlike previous administrations I do not know anyone on Governor Haley's staff. Could you help us get this request in front of the Governor. Can you tell me the best way to approach her with this request? Is there someone in particular I need to contact? I have attached a suggested draft to this email.

We will celebrate our SIC anniversary on March 23 at St. Andrews Middle School. I'd love it if you could join us!

Best,

Cassie