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**Location:** The Westin, Poinsett Ballroom, 120 South Main Street, Greenville, S.C.  
**When:** 9/3/2014 12:00:00 PM - 1:00:00 PM  
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You probably ought to add some more points about specific issues with this year's package that the supts might bring up. The adult ed weighting, the reading coach supply money, etc.

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**Subject:** Meeting with Superintendents

APPROVED BY: NRH

EVENT: Meeting with Superintendents

DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2014

TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: The Westin, Poinsett Ballroom, 120 South Main Street, Greenville, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: Gov. Haley will be seated at a small table in the front of the room, with a lavalier microphone available if necessary. The superintendents will be seated at round tables in groups of 6-8. Diagram below.

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ADVANCE STAFF:

PURPOSE: Governor Haley will attend the Superintendents' Symposium and speak to the superintendents in the state.

PRESS: No

PUBLIC: No

BACKGROUND:

ATTENDEES:

1. Dr. Wanda Andrews, Lee County School District
2. Mr. Bennie Bennett, Newberry County Schools
3. Dr. Wayne Brazell, SC Public Charter School District
4. Dr. Keith Callicutt, Florence District 3
5. Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, (Interim) Richland District One
6. Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Anderson School District 4
7. Dr. Cynthia Elsberry, Horry County Schools
8. Dr. James Epps, York District 4 (Fort Mill)
9. Dr. Chester Floyd, Lexington District 3
10. Dr. Franklin Foster (Acting Superintendent), Colleton County School District
11. Dr. Mason Gary, Anderson School District 3
12. Dr. Harrison Goodwin, Chesterfield County Schools
13. Mr. J.R. Green, Fairfield County School District
14. Dr. Debra Hamm, Richland District Two
15. Mr. David Havird, Anderson School District 1
16. Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, Williamsburg County Schools
17. Dr. Darrell Johnson, Greenwood District 50
18. Dr. Linda Lavender, Lexington District 4
19. Dr. David Mathis, Saluda School District One
20. Dr. Scott Mercer, Spartanburg District 2
21. Dr. Quincie Moore, Cherokee County School District
22. Dr. Gene Moore, Lancaster County Schools
23. Dr. Frank Morgan, Kershaw County Schools
24. Dr. David O'Shields, Laurens County School District 56
25. Dr. Darryl Owings, Spartanburg District 6
26. Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Abbeville County School District
27. Dr. James Ray, Spartanburg District 3
28. Dr. Richard Rosenberger, Anderson School District 2
29. Mr. W. Burke Royster, Greenville County Schools
30. Dr. Tom Siler, District Superintendent-Elect, Lexington School District Two

31. Dr. Marc Sosne, York District 2 (Clover)
32. Dr. Billy Strickland, Laurens School District 55
33. Dr. Dan Strickland, Marion County School District
34. Dr. Michael Thorsland, Oconee County Schools
35. Dr. Helena Tillar, Marlboro County Schools
36. Ms. Brenda Turner, Orangeburg County School District 4
37. Dr. Scott Turner, Spartanburg District 5
38. Dr. Vashti Washington, Jasper County Schools
39. Dr. Rose Wilder, Clarendon School District 1
40. Mrs. Cynthia Wilson, Orangeburg County School District 5
41. Dr. Steve Wilson, Calhoun County Public Schools
42. Dr. Kristi Woodall, Union County Schools
43. Dr. Karen Woodward, Lexington District 1
44. Dr. William Wright, McCormick County School District

BACKGROUND: The Superintendents talk a lot about the need for district-level flexibility. The State Department of Education allows districts to apply for 5 year waivers for certain Department of Ed. regulations. The Department of Ed., however, cannot waive legislative regulations.

#### SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

#### INTRODUCTION

- Last year's budget was rightly called "an education budget". After listening to various stakeholders we put together a straightforward plan to invest in our schools and the General Assembly passed it on a wide bi-partisan basis.
- We made the education funding formula fairer and simpler; we funded reading coaches for schools; and we invested in educational technology.
- Though last year's plan was a good first step, there's still more to do. I plan to put forward another education package next legislative session, so I want to take this opportunity to listen to you.

#### MY PRIORITIES

- I'd like to talk briefly about my thinking as we're preparing our next initiative
  - o FIRST, we've got lots of momentum, so I would like to build on the success of last year.
- Last year you told me that if we invested in technology, teachers needed to know how to use the technology. As a result, we put money for technology-related professional development.
  - o SECOND, we need to make sure we have a job-ready workforce that is prepared to meet the demands of our businesses.
- I need to be able to tell business leaders that if they invest in South Carolina, we have a workforce that is capable of all their demands.

- o THIRD, I believe we need to expand STEM education
- That means exposing elementary students to STEM subjects to spark early interest and expanding participation in middle and high school.
- My past budgets have provided additional funding for STEM education

#### OPEN IT UP

- So with that, I'm here to get your thoughts on these subjects or any other subjects.

#### POTENTIAL TIMEFILLERS/ QUESTIONS

- We hear a lot about flexibility/innovation at the district level. What types of flexibility initiatives would you like to see?
- o Note: The Department of Ed. has a flexibility rule that allows districts to request flexibility waivers for Dept. of Ed regulations for up to 5 years, but not legislative mandates/regulations.
- To what extent have your districts applied for Department of Education waivers? If they were granted, do you believe the waivers have been helpful?
- How can we expand best make sure the students have the interest and skills necessary for STEM success/careers?
- What can we do to improve teacher retention/morale? Are there specific steps to be taken in attracting teachers to rural areas or hard-to-staff subjects?
- What can the state do to make sure all students are on track to graduate, whether it's at the middle school or high school level?
- What are some of the best examples you have seen of schools successfully connecting students to work-based learning opportunities? What can the state do to encourage these types of pathways?
- Are there changes or improvements the state should make in determining the next round of technology investments?

#### SOME TOPICS THAT MAY COME UP:

- Common Core:
- While we are always looking to other states for innovative policy ideas, I believe South Carolinians should maintain as much control over state standards as possible.
- I believe we can tailor standards for South Carolina that are more stringent than other states.
- That's why I signed the bill to abolish Common Core standards earlier this spring.

- Early Childhood:
- We expanded pre-kindergarten for at-risk students in 10 additional districts
- I want to make sure that First Steps providers are held accountable. As of now, First Steps is reauthorized for 2 years. It is my hope that the study committee will recommend substantive changes so we can begin to fix the early childhood education.
- 2014 Budget Initiatives (Early literacy, more equitable funding, technology, charters):
- We provided \$29.5 million to fund reading coaches for every elementary school in the state
- We revised school financing by providing additional weights for students in poverty, those with low English proficiency, and others requiring individualized instruction
- Allocated \$29.3 million to schools to improve bandwidth and wireless connectivity or establish 1:1 technology initiatives.
- Provided \$4 million for professional development specifically focused on classroom use of technology.
- We also made charter funding more equitable and funded, for the first time, the revolving loan program to improve charter school facilities.
- Teacher Charter Schools:
- As part of my education initiative, we provided a more equitable charter funding, while facilitating the closure of underperforming schools.
- We also funded the revolving loan program to improve charter school facilities.
- Retention:
- With the passage of Read to Succeed, we've said that kids who cannot read by the 3rd grade should be held back. We've also given them multiple ways to demonstrate proficiency.
- Those kids held back need the strongest intervention possible; that's why we expanded reading camps and reading coaches.
- Exit Exams:
- We abolished the antiquated exit exam requirement that was established 30 years ago.
- This dated exam did not accurately predict whether a student was prepared for college or to enter the workforce.
- The common-sense bill I signed permits those who were denied their high school diplomas solely because they failed to pass the exit exam to petition their school district and formally

graduate.

## Miscellaneous Haley Administration Highlights

- On January 27 of this year, I signed the Government Restructuring Act of 2014 (S.22). It is the most comprehensive government restructuring in over 20 years - streamlining government processes by abolishing the outdated, five-member Budget & Control Board and creating the Department of Administration, which is responsible for executive and administrative functions.
- On February 11 of this year, I signed S.308, The Concealed Carry Reform Bill. This is just another example of how my administration is dedicated to upholding citizens' 2nd amendment rights here in South Carolina. The bill allows for responsible South Carolinians to carry their firearms into restaurants that serve alcohol, but doesn't allow them to consume alcohol. The bill also allows owners of these establishments to ban individuals from carrying firearms.
- South Carolina's Department of Social Services implemented a welfare-to-work program that has found jobs for over 20,000 welfare recipients (24,859) with 93 percent not returning to welfare at least three months following exit and more than 78 percent not returning for at least two years. (Figures accurate as of July 24, 2014)
- In 2012, we spearheaded a tax reform effort for individuals and businesses and the General Assembly passed a small business income tax reform package that will decrease income taxes for three consecutive years. When the package is in full effect in tax year 2014, the cumulative tax relief to small businesses will be \$63 million (and growing as small business income grows).
- In June 2011, I signed a tort reform law, allowing South Carolina to recruit and expand businesses by protecting them from frivolous lawsuits.
- We have focused on job training and putting workforce ready communities in every county (with Clarendon County becoming SC's 1st, McCormick County becoming the 2nd, Colleton County the 3rd, and recently Saluda County was named the 4th in the state).
- We have one of the lowest unionization rates in the country. (3.7%, tied for the 3rd lowest state in the country)
- We made transparency in government a major priority of my administration, including fighting for and signing into law the state's first roll call voting bill.
- We established the South Carolina Commission on Ethics Reform by Executive Order in 2012 to recommend changes that would expand, strengthen, and clarify the state's Ethics Act, which has not been updated in over twenty years. A bill that includes many of the recommendations regarding income disclosures, oversight, and conflicts of interest recently stalled in the South Carolina Senate, but remains a top legislative priority of my administration.
- By Executive Order, I established a Regulatory Review Task Force in February of 2013, which studied thousands of regulations promulgated by 22 state agencies to determine how the regulatory environment in SC can be streamlined to help small businesses succeed. The goal is to reduce government involvement in business and professional activities that stifle entrepreneurship, small business creation, and economic growth.

- Transportation spending authority has been a priority throughout my administration, which is why I signed into law a \$1 billion infrastructure bill without raising taxes in June of 2013 – the largest investment in roads and bridges in 25 years.
- In 2012, I signed a Charter School Bill that enhances the state’s existing charter system by allowing public or independent institutions of higher learning to sponsor a charter school, permitting applicants to seek to form a single gender charter school, and enabling charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

### Greenville County: 5,021 Jobs and \$912 Million Capital Investment Announced

Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2014-08-27	ruhlamat America Inc.	New	Welding stations		35
2014-08-20	Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC	New	HQ & R&D		34
2014-06-18	O'Donnell Industries (Snoozer Pet Products)	Expansion	Pet Products	\$1,800,000	39
2014-06-10	GE (Greenville) Power & Water	New	Advanced manufacturing center	\$400,000,000	80
2014-06-03	Kimura, Inc.	Expansion	Automotive supplier	\$2,700,000	20
2014-05-20	RPA Development LLC	Expansion	fencing and railing products		43
2014-04-02	Precorp Inc.	Expansion	custom precision cutting tools	\$14,800,000	29
2014-03-04	Meyer Tool Inc.	Expansion	Airfoils for Turbines	\$5,000,000	50
2014-02-20	Allstate Insurance Company	New	Insurance Office	\$2,100,000	450
2014-01-16	Chartspan Medical Technologies, LLC	New	bioscience software		41
2014-01-14	Stueken LLC	Expansion	precision metal components	\$3,200,000	27
2013-12-19	Advanced Composite Materials, LLC	Expansion	Advanced Materials used to Toughen Ceramics	\$3,000,000	10
2013-11-26	Materials Sciences Corporation	New	Textile Weaving	\$1,000,000	23
2013-11-15	Sweet Street Desserts, Inc.	New	Dessert Baking		80
2013-11-07	Fitesa	Expansion	NonWovens	\$50,000,000	32
2013-11-01	Kimura, Inc.	New	Automotive supplier	\$11,500,000	149
2013-10-08	Roding Technology North America, LLC	New	automotive company involved in design, prototypes, machining, and composite parts		5
2013-09-04	The Crown Group, Inc.	New	Metal Coating and Electroplating	\$5,400,000	42
2013-02-19	in-tech GmbH	New	Vehicle Electronic Systems		20
2013-02-12	TIGGES GmbH	New	Fasteners and Connectors	\$1,500,000	5
2013-02-08	SC Tool, Inc.	Expansion	Carbide Cutting Tools	\$1,250,000	30
2012-11-14	Roy Metal Finishing (Greenville) and Electroplating Jobshop	Expansion	Corrosion Resistant Coatings	\$13,000,000	20
2012-10-29	Servosity Inc.	Expansion	Software Development		30
2012-10-18	Siemens Industry, Inc.	New	Electronics for the Energy and Healthcare Sectors		
2012-10-17	MW Industries, Inc.	Expansion	Specialty Spring and Fastener Manufacturing		10
2012-10-04	MAPAL Inc.	New	Metal Cutting Tools	\$3,000,000	30

2012-10-03	Carolina Technical Plastics Corporation	New	Automotive Parts			
	\$12,000,000	119				
2012-09-28	Drive Automotive Industries of America	Expansion	Automotive Metal Stamping			
	\$50,000,000	60				
2012-09-14	Con-Pearl North America	New	Plastic Boards	\$14,250,000	51	
2012-09-12	Sempra US Gas & Power	New	Natural Gas	40		
2012-07-05	AVX Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Chips	\$14,000,000		
		279				
2012-06-21	Picanol of America	Expansion	Weaving Machinery			
2012-06-13	Encore Container	New	Shipping containers	\$3,900,000	89	
2012-06-07	Genetec Technology	Automation Expansion	Precision Metal Stamping, Injection Molding, and Assembly	\$1,200,000	160	
2012-04-26	aeSolutions (Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc.)	Expansion	Engineering Services	\$2,000,000	40	
2012-04-24	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion	Drive Shafts	\$102,000,000	100	
2012-04-16	Grace Plastics, Inc.	New	Plastic Recycling	\$1,200,000	16	
2012-04-03	Ionic Technologies, Inc.	Expansion	Nitriding, PVD Coatings for All Types of Metals and Vacuum Heat Treatment	\$10,000,000	13	
2012-02-28	Dutchland Plastics Southeast, LLC	New	Rotomolding, Blow Molding, Urethane Foam Filling		25	
2012-01-19	Southern Air Repair, Corp.	New	Maintenance repair/aviation	\$750,000		
		20				
2011-11-16	TD Bank	Expansion	Banking Institution	\$17,100,000	1400	
2011-11-14	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	New	Hydraulics	\$80,000,000	160	
2011-10-31	SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation	New	Industrial Diamonds			70
2011-10-17	KEMET Electronics Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Manufacturing	\$17,000,000		
2011-10-17	Honeywell International	Expansion	Engines	\$25,000,000	30	
2011-09-28	Carbures LLC (Easy Industrial Solutions)	New	Aerospace service & components	\$3,000,000	50	
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2011-09-01	NEM USA Corp.	Expansion	High pressure steam boilers and contract engineering services		40	
2011-08-24	Confluence Watersports	Expansion	Kayaks & personal watercraft	\$13,000,000	72	
2011-08-17	Griffin Thermal Products, Inc.	Expansion	Heat exchangers - radiators		50	
2011-08-11	Adams Scrap Recycling, LLC	Expansion	Recycling	\$3,200,000	50	
2011-07-28	emediagroup, inc.	Expansion	Printed Media	\$2,250,000	20	
2011-07-06	PRETTL Electronics Greenville Inc.	Expansion	Electronic Components	\$1,500,000	80	
2011-05-25	CertusBank, N.A.	New	Banking		350	
2011-05-16	ADEX Machining Technologies, LLC	Expansion	custom machining	\$1,000,000	10	
2011-03-29	Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.	Expansion	Pharmaceuticals	\$8,500,000		
		15				
2011-03-10	Automation Engineering Corporation	Expansion	Custom Equipment			

\$6,100,000 78

2011-01-12 Perceptis, Inc. New Customer support \$1,125,000 200

Between January 2011 and July 2014, the unemployment rate in Greenville County has decreased by 3.2 percentage points from 8.4 percent to 5.2 percent. There are now 13,195 more people employed in the county and 6,937 fewer people unemployed.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14 3rd Reading 2/27/2014 3rd Reading 3/13/13 - Failed Reference notes below.

S.22 H.3945 S.53 S. 266 H.3541

SENATE - Greenville County DOA Ethics Sup. of Edu ABF Ad. General

D	Karl B. Allen	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0015340908">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0015340908</a> >	Y	Y
N	Y			
R	Lee Bright	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0193181795">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0193181795</a> >	N	N
Y	Y			
R	Tom Corbin	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0402272679">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0402272679</a> >	Y	Y
Y	EA			
R	Michael L. Fair	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0554545388">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0554545388</a> >	Y	Y
Y	Y			
R	Shane R. Martin	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1179545313">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1179545313</a> >	N	Y
Y	Y			
R	Ross Turner	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1847727051">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1847727051</a> >	Y	Y
Y	Y			
R	Danny Verdin	< <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1874999775">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1874999775</a> >	Y	Y
Y	NV			

Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14 Passage of the bill 4/30/13

Adopt Resolution 4/9/13 Adopt Resolution 3/20/13

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HOUSE - Greenville County DOA Ethics Sup. of Edu ABF Ad. General

R	Rita Allison	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Bruce W. Bannister	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Eric M. Bedingfield	Y	N	Y	Y
R	James M. Burns	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	William M. Chumley	Y	N	Y	NV
D	Chandra E. Dillard	Y	Y	N	Y
R	Daniel P. Hamilton	Y	Y	NV	Y
R	Phyllis Henderson	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Dwight A. Loftis	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Wendy K. Nanney	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Joshua A. Putnam	Y	EA	Y	Y
D	Leola Robinson-Simpson	Y	Y	N	Y
R	Garry R. Smith	Y	Y	EA	Y
R	Tommy M. Stringer	Y	Y	Y	Y
R	Mark N. Willis	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes:

ABF: S.266 - On the Senate calendar. Gregory - has fought multiple times. Leatherman's continues to fight against. Leatherman's name is on the bill.

Ethics: Sen: Bright and Bryant are the 2 Senators that voted against Ethics - 3rd Reading.

House: Bedingfield, Chumley, Delleney, Felder, Moss, Norman, Pitts - voted against the passage of Ethics because it was not what passed out of Judiciary.

Bannister amended on 3rd with a strike and insert of new language which did not include independent investigations.

Sup. of Edu: Leatherman and O'Dell voted against. Matthews voted present. Sheheen, Lourie and McElveen voted for it.