

From: Veldran, Katherine
To: Tracy Redfearn <tracy.redfearn@gmail.com>
Date: 8/24/2015 10:04:41 AM
Subject: RE: Request for an open door meeting with Governor Haley

Tracy,
Received.
I will follow up with you this week.
Thank you,
Katherine

Katherine F. Veldran
Director of Legislative Affairs | Office of Governor Nikki Haley
O: 803-734-5124 | C: 803-767-7583
KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov

From: Tracy Redfearn [mailto:tracy.redfearn@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 9:46 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Re: Request for an open door meeting with Governor Haley

Dear Katherine,
Thank you for your time this morning. First let me state, it is so nice to know that as a part of Governor Haley's Executive Staff you do take time to hear the voice of the people, and help them. For helping me to get an Open Door Appointment, I am so appreciative. After speaking with you this morning you asked that I email you regarding my agenda.

1. IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout our nation! It governs how our state and public agencies provides early interventions, special education and related services to more than approximately 6 million infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities (Reference: [www. ncl.org](http://www.ncl.org))

2. SEED: SC Standards for Evaluation & Eligibility Determination

The SEED document is designed to be a companion to SC State Board of Education regulation 43-243.1 (Criteria for Entry into Programs of Special Education for Student with Disabilities).

The SEED and regulation 43-243.1 are the states interpretation and guidelines for the federal IDEA.

I have heard that The SEED is currently under revision. There are 13 eligibility categories: (specific learning disability, intellectual disability, emotional disability, other health impairment, autism, developmental delay, traumatic brain injury, speech/language impairment, orthopedic impairment, vision impairment, deaf and hard of hearing, deaf blindness, and multiple disabilities.

3. " Free Appropriate Public Education" (FAPE) is an educational right of children with disabilities in the United States that is guaranteed by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the IDEA.

The barriers that I see in our educational system appear systemic in nature and seem to be isolated around two

main factors: Medicaid as an organization, and as it relates to evaluations. Second, Response To Intervention in the schools. If we are going to ensure that IDEA and The SEED document work cohesively together to ensure FAPE, we need to talk!!

Thank you again for your time this morning. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As I discussed with you this morning on the phone, I have prepared a notebook to share during a meeting of my concerns. Thank you in advance for an Open Door Session.

Sincerely,

Tracy Redfearn
Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist
Nationally Certified School Psychologist
Level II SC School Psychologist

On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 5:46 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Tracy,

Thank you for your email.

Let's try to touch base tomorrow afternoon. Please call me when you're available – 803-767-7583.

Thank you,

Katherine

Katherine F. Veldran
Director of Legislative Affairs | Office of Governor Nikki Haley
O: 803-734-5124 | C: 803-767-7583
KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov

From: Tracy Redfearn [mailto:tracy.redfearn@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:45 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Re: Request for an open door meeting with Governor Haley

Dear Ms. Veldran,

I am not sure if you remember me, but I met you and Governor Haley last October during the Team Haley bus tour in Sumter at Baker's Sweets. At that time, I introduced myself and I spoke to Governor Haley about my work with children with special needs. She introduced me to you and suggested that I take one of your cards to schedule an Open Door Session.

After three years of pioneering the way for children in our state and other Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialists, I have exhausted all avenues of help on behalf of parents and children with exceptional needs in South Carolina. I would be honored to be able to bend the ear of our Governor regarding two very important topics as it relates to children:

1. Medicaid
2. RTI/Response to Intervention

Ms. Veldran, I realize how important our Governor's time is limited. However, I believe that she will want to be a part of how to save our state a lot of money and put children and families first, hence impacting their

educations.

I will graciously look forward to hearing from you regarding a time that I may drive in to sit with the Governor.
Have a wonderful day, and thank you for all you do.

In His Faithfulness,
Teresa (Tracy) Redfearn

--

Tracy Redfearn