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AGENDA

Monday, February 8, 2016

1:00 p.m.

433 Blatt Building

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Robinson |
| II. | Introduction of New EOC Member, Ellen Weaver | Mr. Robinson |
| III. | Approval of the December 14, 2015 Minutes | Mr. Robinson |
| IV. | Key Constituency:
Dr. W. Burke Royster, Superintendent, Greenville County School District | |
| V. | Subcommittee Reports | |
| A. | Joint Report from:
Academic Standards and Assessment
Public Awareness
Information: Overview of ESSA
Information: Parent Support Documents | Dr. Merck
Mrs. Hairfield |
| B. | EIA and Improvement Mechanisms
Information: Update on FY2016-17 Budget and Proviso
Recommendations | Dr. Couch |
| VI. | Special Reports | |
| | FY 2014-15 & 2015-16
Evaluation of State-Funded Full-Day 4K, Part I | Bunnie Ward |
| | SC Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program
2015-16 | Bunnie Ward |
| | Accountability Reports | Dana Yow |

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Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, EOC
FROM: Melanie Barton *Melanie Barton*
DATE: January 29, 2016
IN RE: Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Update

Since the EOC made its budget and policy recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016-17, Governor Haley has introduced her Executive Budget. The attached spreadsheet compares the Governor's recommendations for the Education Improvement Act revenues with those made by the EOC for the upcoming fiscal year.

Like the EOC, the Governor addressed the following issues in the EIA budget:

- Increased funding for teacher supplies and the South Carolina Public Charter School District;
- New funding for national industry exams and STEM Premier;
- Allocating additional EIA revenues to be collected this year for the purchase of instructional materials; and
- Annualization of funding for technical equipment.

The Governor also used new EIA revenues to address issues in rural and underserved districts that would:

- Increase the rural teacher initiative from \$1.5 million to \$15 million;
- Fund bus driver salaries in rural and underserved districts by \$19.2 million;
- Fund hazardous bus routes at \$3.5 million;
- Provide mobile access to high-speed internet for underserved children at \$5.2 million; and
- Provide supports for educational technology infrastructure in depressed areas and support from state network engineers at \$5.8 million.

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The Governor's Executive Budget recommends an Education Finance Act (EFA) base student cost of \$2,300 with \$165.3 million increase in General Fund for the EFA. The current year's appropriated base student cost was \$2,220. The Governor also recommended \$300,000 in one-time funds to evaluate and begin implementation of computer science curriculum for students across all grade levels, as appropriate. Other non-recurring funds were recommended for school bus lease or purchases of \$12.0 million.

On January 20, 2016 the EOC appeared before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Education and Special Schools to update the Subcommittee on the work of the EOC and its budget recommendations. EOC Members Neil Robinson and Bob Couch provided insight into the budget recommendations from their respective positions as members of the business and education communities. The House is expected to take up the Fiscal Year 2016-17 General Appropriation Bill on March 21, 2016.