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Boeing to add 2,000 jobs

'Phase two' expansion plans expected to be disclosed today in legislation

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Boeing Co. has informed the governor's office and lawmakers that it will invest another \$1 billion and add at least 2,000 jobs at its North Charleston 787 campus

by 2020, elevating South Carolina's status in the exclusive world of commercial aircraft manufacturing.

The company's "phase two" growth plans are expected to be disclosed today in a bill to be introduced in the General Assembly.

"This is an expansion on a whole new level," Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday.

It's no secret that Boeing has had growth on its mind, but it has declined to specify what those plans were. Last year, the Chicago-based company bought

the S.C. Research Authority office complex next to its existing 787 campus, which has about 6,000 workers. More recently, it has been in serious talks with Charleston International Airport about buying 320 acres across the road from its local factories.

"I think what we're seeing is a new phase of building airplanes in South Carolina," Haley told The Post and Courier.

Boeing South Carolina's spokeswoman could not be reached for

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"This is an expansion on a whole new level," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Check postandcourier.com/boeing today for updates to this story and for more coverage.

Reading would rule

Proposal calls for holding back third-graders who fall short



Pinkney Elementary School associate reading teacher Khristin Harshaw works with a third-grader on his reading and comprehension skills Monday morning.

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Reading by third grade could become one of South Carolina's top education priorities under a new proposal.

The Read to Succeed Act aims to strengthen the state's emphasis on reading in pre-kindergarten to 12th grades, and it requires third-graders to be held back if they're not reading on grade level.

State lawmakers and educators say the research is clear: One in six children who aren't reading proficiently by third grade don't graduate from high

school on time.

"It's just common sense," said Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Gaffney, who is the bill's primary sponsor. "I can't believe we're not already doing this. Social promotion doesn't work."

The proposal seems likely to move forward. In addition to Peeler, its supporters include lawmakers on the Senate's education committees and the state Education Oversight Committee. Peeler called it "about as much (political) muscle as you can have."

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By the numbers

State officials estimated 2,800 of the state's roughly 32,000 third-graders could be held back for failing to demonstrate grade-level reading proficiency. Grade-level reading proficiency is defined as the worst readers among those scoring "not met" on the state exam.

—Source: S.C. Education Oversight Committee, S.C. Dept. of Education

The following are the total percentage of each school district's third-graders who scored "not met" in English/language arts in 2012.

Berkeley.....14.7%
Charleston.....18%
Dorchester 2.....12.1%
Dorchester 4.....12.7%

King slayings trial to begin

Family, friends travel to island

BY GLENN SMITH
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MAHO BEACH, ST. MAARTEN — When Denise Stuard learned last year that she had breast cancer, she viewed the disease as a death sentence that would take her down.

That is, until she confided in her friend, Thelma King of Mount Pleasant, on the beach one day in February. King told her she didn't have to die, that she could fight back and conquer the cancer. Then, King spent months being the rock Stuard could lean on for support as she endured surgeries and chemotherapy.

"She had the soul of someone who really, really cared," Stuard said, choking back tears. "The last words I remember her telling me were, 'You are a strong woman and you will beat this cancer.'"

She was right. Stuard is now in remission and her thoughts often travel to her friend, who died the day after offering Stuard those final words.

King, 52, and her husband, Michael, 53, were found stabbed to death in their beachfront condominium on Sept. 21, the victims of an apparent robbery gone bad.

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Michael and Thelma King



Margot Straus Freudenberg died Monday. She was 105.

Holocaust survivor leaves legacy of hope, love

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She was an educated Jewish woman with a degree in physical therapy when she was interrogated by the Nazis on Nov. 10, 1938, the day after Kristallnacht — the beginning of the Holocaust.

For an entire day she stood while being questioned, speaking only when

spoken to and not complaining about being tired, hungry or needing to use the bathroom. Finally, her interrogators kicked her out on the street with other Jewish women, saying she was too brave. Together, the women were forced to scrub anti-Semitic graffiti off the streets with toothbrushes.

When they didn't work quickly enough, they were beaten with whips

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Funeral arrangements. B4

and rifle bullets.

By 1938, "Margit" as she pronounced her name, was married to Walter Freudenberg, had a young son named Henry and was living through Hitler's

reign of terror. She told a reporter in 1992 that if she closed her eyes she could still see truckloads of Jewish brothers and sisters being taken off to concentration camps. But it wasn't her fate. Margot Straus Freudenberg died Monday at 105, leaving a legacy of hope and love in place of the hatred

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