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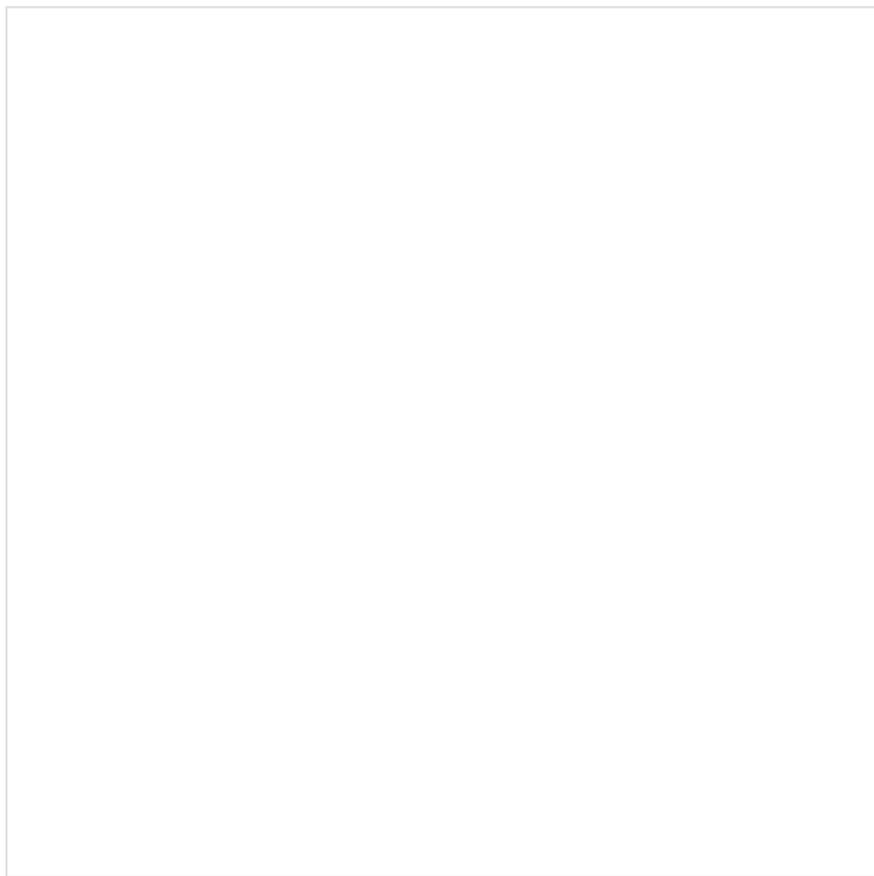
#EmpowerStudentsSC Makes a Splash!

Yesterday was an exciting day for Palmetto Policy as we joined with partners from the Upstate to the Lowcountry to launch our first-of-its-kind education options resource catalogue for South Carolina parents.

Empowering Students celebrates *all* forms of education choice in SC – charter, virtual, private and homeschool – and highlights real Palmetto State families that are happily using each of these options. It also provide an easy “one-stop-shop” of resource links for parents to learn more about each of these choices. We trust it will be a helpful starting place for families as they seek to make the best education decision for *their* student!

But we need your help. Please take a minute to enjoy these inspiring stories, and most importantly, help us **SHARE** them with your friends and family.

Empowering Students will only be as effective as the number of South Carolina parents who read it!



WHAT SC LEADERS ARE SAYING...

"As a mother, I know firsthand that no two children learn the same or learn in the same way," Haley said. "That's why as Governor, I am proud to see more and more school options for children in South Carolina. *Empowering Students* is a great resource for parents and students." - Governor Nikki Haley

"A traditional model puts every child in the same classroom and expects them to learn the same material, pretty much in the same way on the same schedule, should we be surprised that doesn't work for many students and many families." - Superintendent of Education Mick Zais at the Midlands launch of *Empowering Students*

[CHECK OUT MORE *EMPOWERING STUDENTS* IN THE NEWS!](#)

THANK YOU to our launch partners!

The statewide tour featured stops at [Meeting Street Academy](#) in Spartanburg, [Midlands Middle College Public Charter](#) in Cayce, and [Palmetto Scholars Academy Public Charter](#) in North Charleston.

State Superintendent of Education Mick Zais, Sen. Kevin Bryant, Sen. Shane Martin, Sen. Katrina Shealy, Rep. Rita Allison, Rep. Bill Chumley, Rep. Mike Forrester, Rep. Ralph Kennedy, Rep. Garry Smith, Rep. Eddie Tallon, Rep. Donna Wood, [StudentsFirst SC](#), the [Public Charter School Alliance of SC](#), [Palmetto Family Council](#),

the [Midlands Homeschool Resource Center](#), the [SC Association of Independent Home Schools](#) and the [SC Association of Christian Schools](#).

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