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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Nikki Haley,

I am currently a senior at Crestwood High School, and I believe education is one of the most important things for our future adults. As you may know, South Carolina is ranked only 32 in education for all the states in the USA, which is below average. South Carolina currently has 214,078 students enrolled in high school, a graduation rate of roughly about 80 percent, with a dropout rate of around 2.5 percent. I also understand that the state spends roughly around 9,500 dollars per students, but compared to other states it's below average.

You've increased the standards of education since you've been elected governor, but how will you continue to do so? In order to make the best of South Carolina's future, I believe that focusing on education should be a top priority. Getting rid of Common Core was probably a good step in doing so, but will your new standards better prepare students for standardized tests such as the ACT and the SAT? As well as that, I believe that schools should focus on having students test on the ACT and the SAT instead of making it an optional thing students would have to do in their free time since the participation rate is a little over 50 percent for each. Having students blindly going into the tests not knowing what could possibly be on it is a huge problem, having teachers review a little before testing could increase tests score statewide.

If possible, could you send me a response detailing me on how you'll address these situations. I also understand that you have a super busy schedule so I'd like to immensely thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Kyle Kranz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy Kyle Kranz