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Subject: Fwd: *DRAFT* Gov. Nikki Haley Announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative

Draft is below with the highlighted paragraph being replaced by Josh's suggestion.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Baker, Josh" <JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov>
Date: January 13, 2016 at 1:16:16 PM EST
To: "Symmes, Brian" <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>
Cc: "Patel, Swati" <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: *DRAFT* Gov. Nikki Haley Announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative

I think that the basic language is OK, the issue with the highlighted portion is that it only covers 2014, and this is a "2015 Planning, 2016 release" process, so a "2014 and 2015" may fix that issue. Also, there weren't as many meetings, and most were with Superintendents.

Maybe.

Starting with a commitment Governor Haley made to South Carolina's children in 2013, this initiative is the third year of reform proposals built upon input from dozens of individual stakeholders and groups.

From: Symmes, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 11:55 AM
To: Baker, Josh
Cc: Patel, Swati
Subject: *DRAFT* Gov. Nikki Haley Announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative

Wanted to get this over to you guys to make sure you can make any edits that are necessary. Our thought was that we didn't want to get too far into the weeds with a lengthy release that details everything so I used the backgrounder to try and touch on all of the major issues and will hyperlink to the backgrounder on the website.

One concern I have is with the highlighted portion in the second paragraph. Is it fair to say that these reforms are still resulting from her "Education Conversation" that she held in 2013-2014?

Once you guys make any edits, I get the quotes in there, and Josh gets me the finalized PDF form of the backgrounder to go on the website, it will be good to go.

From: Symmes, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Cc: Adams, Chaney
Subject: DRAFT Gov. Nikki Haley Announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative

Gov. Nikki Haley Announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative
Brief Quote As Subheadline

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Continuing her focus on statewide education reform, Governor Nikki Haley today announced her 2016 Education Reform Initiative, which addresses some of the toughest issues facing education in South Carolina today – from basic governance and accountability, to building safe schools, addressing transportation needs, and providing students across the state with access to technology. The governor made the announcement during a celebration with Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman at Frances Mack Intermediate School in Gaston, S.C.

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This announcement marks Governor Haley's third consecutive year of fighting for cooperative and bipartisan education reform proposals. Over the course of a year in 2013, the governor met with teachers, administrators, business leaders, education stakeholders, and members of the General Assembly in an effort to engage in a candid "Education Conversation" to identify the challenges facing public schools and determine how to best overcome them. Governor Haley continued that conversation throughout 2014, and these reforms are a direct result of those meetings.

For details of the governor's 2016 Education Reform Initiative, click here [\[hyperlink to PDF backgrounder\]](#).

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