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SC Tax Credits for K-12 Special Needs Scholarships

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**Next: #1 Full Funding & #2 Independent Nonprofits**

- #1. Only 18 Days Left to APPLY!!!**
- #2. 2018-2019 Approved School List - 60 Schools Approved**
- #3. Parental Tax Credit "Race" - 65 Days until Sept 17th**

Dear Parents, School Officials & Friends,

**#1. Only 18 Days Left to APPLY!!!:** Friends, there is only 18 days left to APPLY!!! Time is running short and **AUGUST 1ST @ 5PM** will be here before you know it. Do not delay ... **APPLY TODAY!!!**

[www.palmettokidsFIRST.org/apply](http://www.palmettokidsFIRST.org/apply).

**#2. 2018-2019 Approved School List Published - 60 Schools:** Well, it has been 2 weeks since the last Education Oversight Committee school list update .... and only 8 more schools have been added.

**What is the delay?** At this point, who knows. Fortunately it appears that most of the schools affiliated with Palmetto Kids FIRST in the past are on the ball and have completed their paperwork. Perhaps it is because they all get these weekly SATURDAY MORNING

UPDATES and know where to go and what to do. The missing schools appear to be schools associated with the Catholic Diocese of Charleston (covering all SC Catholic schools) and the South Carolina Associations of Christian Schools (SCACS).

**Are they refusing to provide data or something?** NO, that does not seem to be the problem. Those two organizations apparently supported giving the government anything and everything they wanted - much to our dismay as religious schools should be the first to fight this government overreach. PLUS, the "data" required by the SC Education Oversight Committee is not even due until December 31st, 2018. Getting on this initial list is about as easy as 1, 2, 3.

(Click [HERE](#) or image above.)

**#3. REPEAT: Parental Tax Credit "Race" - 65 Days until September 17th:** The other key date left is SEPTEMBER 17TH for the Refundable Parental Tax Credit. That is 65 more days and expect more information on that in the next few weeks, but be ready. **We expect ALL \$2 MILLION to be claimed in a matter of minutes.**

**Yes, it is a HORRIBLE way to allocated \$2 MILLION** and we have opposed it since it was first introduced as an "attack" on the program in 2015. Even the Democrats have acknowledged it primarily BENEFITS WEALTHY FAMILIES. In our opinion this \$2 MILLION should have been added to the \$12 million of donor tax credits (like they do in every other state). Hopefully that may happen next year ... unless of course the "paid" advocates & lobbyist want to continue their little "experiments" with our families so they can talk about it at their national conferences. Sad ... this is supposed to be about the kids, not these peoples egos. This is not they type of "vision" or "promise" we want for SC.

**72 Days Until**

**Parental Tax Credit "Race"!!!**

**Stay tuned ... LOTS MORE** to update everyone on ... but that is more than enough for today!!! **Keep sharing your story with your personal representatives in Columbia ...**

keep watching (and participating) on [Facebook](#)!!! **LET'S GET YOUR PROGRAM BACK (with full funding) IN 2019!!!**

**THANK YOU** for your support of the program and our kids. Email or call with any questions, we are always here 24/7 to support our families and schools.

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**2019 Strategy: #1. FULL FUNDING & #2. INDEPENDENT NONPROFITS:** The primary THREAT / scare tactic that opposition legislators have used to "quiet" parents and school officials was to say the program might be killed if you are too vocal. WELL, that threat is gone ... we have PERMANENT LAW!!! **Now we can go ALL OUT for #1 FULL FUNDING and #2 INDEPENDENT NONPROFITS. GET READY!!!**

**Not sure who your legislators are?** Enter your address here: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>

**2018-2019 (current) Approved School List (as of 07/13/2018):** Here is the most updated list of approved schools from the **SC Education Oversight Committee (EOC)**. Click [HERE](#) or image below. For prior year 2017-2018 list, click [HERE](#).

[www.palmettokidsFIRST.org/currentschools](http://www.palmettokidsFIRST.org/currentschools)

**SCHOOL LEADERS - SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION:** If your school needs to apply, please provide them with the below links for general information and the application process.

- EOC General Information Page: Click [HERE](#)
- EOC 2018-2019 School Application: Click [HERE](#)

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(For School Application click [HERE](#) or image above.)

**CAUTION re SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:** As we warned everyone and as you will see in the EOC application (click [HERE](#)), they are requiring **INDIVIDUAL TEST DATA** to be submitted by December 31, 2018. Not "aggregated" data as in the past, but **INDIVIDUAL TEST DATA**. We are not happy about it and we only expect their "data" and "testing" requirements to be worse in future years ... but be cautioned and aware. Something else we need to FIX next year with the permanent law.

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