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Subject: Literacy Project

Good morning Katherine and Christian.

My Leadership South Carolina Class of 2014 project's focus is improving literacy for elementary school students. Our project, "Readers 2 Leaders," will identify the lowest performing schools and fund each school identified with a Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program.

We are currently working on three awareness walks and a checkpoint presentation event to correlate with our legislative day at the statehouse. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 that will be used for the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) training for a minimum of 15 teachers in the state. The LLI training will offer these teachers six days of professional development, where they will be introduced to this supplementary intervention system designed to help teachers provide powerful, daily small-group instruction for struggling readers and writers. Students who participate will receive 30-minute, intensive lessons five days per week that combine reading, writing, and phonics/word study.

The reason I'm writing you is to see if Governor Haley would be available to offer some words of support March 5 during our Readers 2 Leaders State House Day. We would also love a proclamation from the Governor naming March 5 Readers 2 Leaders Day or Literacy Awareness Day.

Please let me know how we may be able to proceed.

Thanks so much for your help!

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