

Superintendent Playing Politics!!!

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing you this letter because I think you need to know about the political scheme against you that is taking place in the Williamsburg County School District!

Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes, school district superintendent, directed her immediate staff member to email the statement below to all employees in the Williamsburg County School District by mass email:

"Good morning,

E911 and elected officials are hosting an event for the community, public officials and educators for persons desirous of hearing Senator Sheheen's educational platform on January 18, 2014, 1:30 -3:30 p.m., at the Williamsburg County Recreational Complex.

Thanks!"

This email was sent to all employees on January 15, 2014 at 10:16 am. As you know, the Williamsburg County School District is our county's largest employer and the superintendent's unethical support of a political candidate carries a lot of weight and is costing you votes.

The superintendent is wrong for using her position of power to influence or sway her subordinates to participate in a political agenda for Senator Vincent Sheheen. In fact, school board policy CB states that the superintendent may not use government personnel, equipment or materials in an election campaign (Section 8-13-765).

Many parents and employees are very upset because we feel that the superintendent used our district's email, computers, work time, and property to support Senator Sheheen's campaign. Her job is not to advertise events for Senator Vincent Sheheen and convince her employees to join him! This is wrong and should not be tolerated! If Yvonne Barnes is pulling this kind of political stunt in January, she would probably be putting campaign signs out in public for Senator Vincent Sheheen by March with tax payers' dollars!

I am certain that the South Carolina State Ethics Commission and State Superintendent Dr. Mick Zais does not approve of this inappropriate behavior from our educational leaders.

Governor Haley, you have a lot of supporters here in Williamsburg County and we hope that something can be done about this immediately! Good luck on your election!

Sincerely,

Concerned South Carolinian

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