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Growing up in Bamberg we didn't know what we didn't have. That's not the case anymore. I know exactly what we didn't have. After visiting many schools across our state, i know exactly what many kids Don't have. I have seen the disparities. Now That I know i can't stand by and allow these disparities to continue. We want to raise children to believe they are worthy of a good education. We want to raise children with confidence and the resources to teach them that the sky is the limit. They can be anything they want to be as long as they are willing to work for it. Our focus for the last three years has been to right some wrongs. All of us did that together. We changed the funding formula so that no one can ever say again that we educate children based on where they are born and raised. We now fund every child in a way that acknowledges they are our future workforce. We have put reading coaches in every elementary school and no longer pass a child out of 3rd grade if they can't read. The wealthy districts are not the only districts that invest in technology anymore, thanks to your support. This will be our third year of technology investments that will allow our children to be ready for the future. One aspect that effects a child is when they don't have or see consistency in teachers. Teach for America is great because they send teachers into rural or challenged school districts. The problem is that teacher leaves in a year. In South Carolina we have high turnover of teachers in rural and challenged school districts. Kids deserve to know that teachers stay and believe in them and their district,. This will be the first year we start recruiting students, who if they graduate from college and commit 8 years to a rural school district, the state will pay for their education. This will allow a consistency of teaches sorely needed in school districts. We will have a mentor program that will support these teachers. The best part about all of this is we can do it without raising taxes.

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