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Hi Katherine!

Here is the information on Brenda "LaRaine" Fess who is the Drama/Theater instructor at Beaufort High School. The musical presentation that she has been producing is called: "If You See Something, Say Something" and has been awarded a \$6000 grant from Rotary International for set equipment and audience handouts (pencils, stress "dolls" with the play logo & name, etc.). They are performing for middle schoolers at Hilton Head High School tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. and at Bluffton High School at 11:30 a.m. They will be accompanied by parents and a large group of local Rotarians.

Mrs. Fess is an outstanding teacher who has empowered her students each year to take on difficult topics and her anti-bullying production is getting large acclaim across the state and even in the southeast now.

She would like the governor to attend any production of their show, tomorrow would be wonderful, but they will be happy to share other presentation dates. She will also make herself available around 10:15 tomorrow morning in hopes that she and Governor Haley could have a quick word and introduction prior to her tour of the Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts.

Below is some information about the anti-bullying musical including some still photos and a parent provided video. Having the high school children present this to the middle school students as well as their peers is proving to be very effective and the feedback from students, teachers, parents & community members has all been very positive.

Thank you for any help you can lend in bringing this talented teacher and her outstanding students to the attention of the governor. Mrs. Fess and her students are well aware of her efforts to lessen bullying across our state and truly appreciate her awareness and action and hope to be able meet her one day and thank her in person.

Here if you need me,

Shannon

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From: **Fess, Brenda L** <Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

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Shannon,

Thank you for helping us. We would love to meet the governor, perform for her and more schools across the state. 😊

Here is link to one of our scenes. I have also included other information and pictures from last year show which is similar to this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kTZG4BXkcE>

☐ Title : When You See Something, Say Something

☐ Objective: To give students the tools to handle bullying; to speak up, walk away, be a friend, tell an adult.

☐ This is an original play written by drama IV students directed by LaRaine Fess

☐ Our web site; <http://www.antibullyplay.com/>

☐ The show was written to tour. Last year we performed it over 20 times. Taking it to Myrtle Beach and Chapel Hill for Rotary conventions

☐ The show is sponsored by Beaufort High School drama department, Beaufort County School District Student Services, and The Rotary Club of the Lowcountry

☐ Some things that make our performance unique: 1.It is a play written by students, for students. 2. The show has crowd involvement, song and dance to teach students about bullying 3. As a district, we take ownership of the problem and are solving it from within instead of paying a guest speaker to come in.

- Pictures included from the show last year.

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