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Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attachments: Lewis Smoak Thank You Letter October 2014.pdf

Good evening, First Steps Trustees:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome several new trustees to the board! We are looking forward to spending time together this week as these new leaders begin their service to SC's children and families. Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees and the South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council:

Mr. Ken Wingate, appointed by Governor Haley to serve as her designee. Ken is a past treasurer for the State of South Carolina and a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto. He chaired the SC Commission on Higher Education for Governor Sanford and for Governor Haley, and is a Managing Partner in the Columbia law firm, Sweeney, Wingate, & Barrow.

Mr. Walter Roger Pryor, Jr., appointed by Governor Haley to serve in the Child Care and Development Provider category. Roger is the Headmaster of Abner Montessori School.

Ms. Tracy Lamb, appointed by Governor Haley to serve in the Business Community category. Tracy works in the Executive Office of American Services, Inc. and serves as an adjunct professor at Clemson University.

Ms. Alexia Newman, appointed by Speaker Lucas in the Medical/Child Care and Development category. Alexia is the Executive Director of Carolina Pregnancy Center.

Mr. Timothy Holt, appointed by Speaker Lucas in the Business Community category. Tim is the Owner of T.S. Holt Company, LLC.

We are honored to have these esteemed individuals join us as we continue to help build a great future for South Carolina's youngest learners.

As we look ahead, we also give thanks to leaders who have paved the way since inception. Thousands of volunteers have helped First Steps serve children and families since the enabling act was passed in June 1999. I have enclosed a letter to each of you from our immediate Past Chair, Mr. Lewis Smoak. Lewis will join us at our December 4, 2014 meeting for a special tribute.

Please join me in thanking Lewis for his 15 years of service at Greenville County First Steps and at South Carolina First Steps. In December 2013, Lewis received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Haley for his work at First Steps. We are indebted to him for his leadership on behalf of South Carolina's most at-risk children.

See you all tomorrow!

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