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Hey everyone!

With the time constraints I didn't try to call all of the legislative friends but wanted to get this to y'all so that you can pass it along to those who might want to see when we'll have parents on the State House grounds tomorrow. Thanks for all that each of you has done to help us out! See you tomorrow!
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TOMORROW IS LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH DAY

Well, our big day at the State House is upon us!

Hopefully you've gotten earlier emails from the Headmasters at your schools or from one of our earlier emails or Facebook posts and can join us at the SC State House tomorrow for our Legislative Day.

The day has taken on a MUCH greater opportunity thanks to some great legislators who helped us take this from a town hall setting to actually having the chance to speak directly with legislators about the importance of Exceptional SC in the lives of so many South Carolina children and their parents.

I wanted to get you a general outline of the day, but remember, when

dealing with the State House, keep in mind that old saying, “*Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape!*”

- **8:30am** *Arrival at the Blatt building lobby*, see map below for the Blatt building location. We will have a short briefing down the hall in a hearing room, someone in the lobby will direct you there.
- **9am** *House Subcommittee hearing - 521 Blatt building*, we will leave the first floor and head up just prior to 9am and will have as many of you speak to the Subcommittee as possible. We would LOVE to emphasize parents speaking, so Administrators, we need you there if you can be there, but please let’s let the parents of these kids speak directly to the Subcommittee.
- **10am** *Subcommittee hearing ends*, we will visit House members in their offices, an Exceptional SC rep will help escort you to the offices— other parents will go back to the lobby to meet and greet legislators as they arrive or head to the Caucus meeting on the first floor
- **11am** *House Republican Caucus meeting- 1st floor*— we will say hello to the House leadership and meet as many Legislators there as possible then head to the State house lobby.
- **11:30am** *Lt Governor Kevin Bryant*, the original sponsor of this bill, has graciously invited us to his offices on the first floor of the State House lobby. When you enter through security and walk up the steps of the lobby, go to the left just past the stair well and the Lt Gov’s offices will be in front of you. We will have coffee and refreshments for you and we will be staging in that area. Also, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman will be making a visit and speaking to parents and legislators around this time. We will also step across the hall to see Governor McMaster during the time in the State House.
- **12 noon** *The House of Representatives* will gavel in for a short session. Someone from Exceptional SC will be on hand to make sure we get as many of you into the Gallery to be introduced by the Representatives from the

- floor of the State House. We will also have parents in the lobby to
- call legislators from the House floor so that you can meet them and speak directly to them about the impact this program has made on you and your children.
 - **After the House adjourns** We will have some parents stay at Lt Gov Bryant's offices to meet other legislators while some will go to the Senate office building, the Gressette Building between the Blatt building and the State House itself, to meet Senators as they arrive to their offices prior to their 2pm session.
 - **2pm** *The SC Senate will gavel in*, we'd love to have as many of you as possible in the Gallery to be recognized from the floor as well.

We understand that some of you can come early and others can come later, we anticipate that we'll be onsite from at least 8:15am until 3pm so if you can't stay the entire time it is fine. We hope this serves to get you some more detail about tomorrow's activities and we are excited about this chance for YOU to speak to the leaders in SC who hold the key to making this permanent law and expanding it for more of SC's Special kids!! We are convinced that YOUR personal stories will make the difference!!

See you tomorrow!!

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