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Dear Parents, School Officials & Friends,

#1. Anonymous "Greenville Delegation"??? : The program opposition is at it again. Palmetto Promise Institute (Jim DeMint's "conservative" group) has announced its HOPE agenda for education. What is the cornerstone of their (not yet ready) plan ... EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (ESAs).

Palmetto Promise Institute as we all know has been pushing government run ESAs for years ... even getting a bill filed in 2017 (although most of the legislators sponsoring it told us they did not

understand it). Here is the recent timeline of events with their latest efforts opposing the program. We had good news ... so Palmetto Promise Institute had to quickly "announce" their counter plan (even though it was not ready and has no hope of going anywhere). The key being they continue to REFUSE to endorse a program they can not control via their political friends .

- December 12 - Senator Davis files S 131 (Good)
- December 18 - Rep. Elliot files H 3202 (Good)
- December 19 - Palmetto Promise Announces their "(no) H. O.P.E. Plan", but don't have a bill ready to file and they fail to endorse Senator Davis' S 131.

The question is then ... if their HOPE plan is so good ... how were they not prepared to pre-file their bill(s)??? Was it because Brain White was removed from power ... so "their" legislator could not file it. "WHO" specifically are the members of the Greenville Delegation they are referring to? Why not name their supporters? They got their 30 seconds in the press ... good for year-end FUNDRAISING you know ... and they have a catchy name ... H.O.P.E. (Help Our Pupils Excel) ... but there is no HOPE in this "plan". Oh boy, here we go again with the "paid" advocates ... #FollowTheMoney

> [Which Greenville County House Delegation Members are pushing the oppositions agenda?](#) : Rep. Jason Elliot (R - Greenville) actually prefiled the companion bill to Senator Tom Davis' (R - Beaufort) S 131. Our Greenville Delegation is rather conservative ... so we can't figure out "who" (other than maybe one) that would be pushing a government run agenda ... so this will be interesting. We were told several weeks ago by a Greenville legislator that former Chairman of House Ways & Means was

working on an education plan ... you know, Rep. Brian White (R - Anderson), the one who took over the program initially ... but he has now been stripped of his power. So "who" in Greenville would still be pushing his agenda???

Recall, Palmetto Promise Institute is the "paid" advocacy group that claims to be conservative ... yet pushes BIG GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS. We are told Read to Succeed was one such program they pushed ... you know, the program with all the TESTING everyone is complaining about today and cost the state hundred of millions apparently. They are also the folks that said the GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER of this program would make it Bigger. Better. Faster. We all know how bad that has worked out for our kids, schools and donors. It will be extremely interesting if any Greenville County Delegation members support this program ... if they had names of specific legislators supporting them, they would have named them.

<http://preydaylenders.org/predator/>

> "Who" Are the Greenville County House Delegation Members supporting the (no) H.O.P.E. Plan? : Below is the list of ALL the Greenville County delegation members. We will be working to find out (AND REPORT) which ones may be carrying water for the Brian White & Palmetto Promise Institute's agenda of GOVERNMENT RUN private school choice.

South Carolina House Delegation

- Merita A. "Rita" Allison, District 36
- Bruce W. Bannister, District 24

- Mike Burns, District 17
- William M. "Bill" Chumley, District 35
- Bobby J. Cox, District 21
- Westley P. "West" Cox, District 10
- Chandra E. Dillard, District 23 (D)
- Jason Elliott, District 22
- Adam M. Morgan, District 20
- Dwight A. Loftis, District 19
- Leola C. Robinson, District 25 (D)
- Garry R. Smith, District 27
- Tommy M. Stringer, District 18
- Ashley Trantham, District 28
- Mark N. Willis, District 16

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There is so much more to this story, in particular Palmetto Promise Institutes involvement with CHARTER SCHOOLS which oppose the program and DON'T WANT COMPETITION from our independent schools. But we have to ask, was all of this pain and suffering parents and children have endured over the past 3 years since the GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER all so the "paid" advocates could push their ESA agenda??? It seems to appear that way to us. Beware!!!

[#2. Exceptional SC to Operate in Secrecy](#) : South Carolina is one of two states in the nation where (powerful) legislators pick our judges. Last week a ruling came down in the Freedom of

Information Act (FOIA) case stating that Exceptional SC is NOT subject to FOIA.

Essentially Exceptional SC (and any future similar entities set-up by the legislature) can work in COMPLETE SECRECY. We don't know who they hire. We don't know how much they pay their vendors (or employees like Chad Connelly) ... nothing whatsoever.

Exceptional SC started off in 2016 promising fairness and "TRANSPARENCY" ... yet they have fought every step of the way to keep their operations secret. Not very American if you ask us. Stay tuned ...

How much does
Chad Connelly get paid???

#3. Happy New Year!!! "Real" HOPE for 2019 : It has been a busy 2018 ... and it looks like we will have a busy 2019. We have continued opposition from the "paid" advocates , but we have dealt with that before and will continue to into 2019. We are further ahead than ever ... there is "REAL" HOPE for 2019.

Enjoy the holiday, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Stay tuned ... LOTS MORE to update everyone on ... but that is more than enough for today!!! Keep sharing your story with your personal representatives in Columbia ... keep watching (and participating) on Facebook !!! LET'S GET YOUR PROGRAM BACK (with full funding) **IN 2019**!!!

THANK YOU for your support of the program and our kids. Email or call with any questions, we are always here 24/7 to support our families and schools.

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