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Subject: RE: rural teacher housing

My quick thoughts:

Communities and school districts have different challenges when it comes to education. Local Boards and administrations ought to decide what is the best allocation of the dollars they receive. The State should not take on this initiative through the budget. Districts ought to look at partnering with the State Housing Authority if this something that they would see benefit in.

Ted

From: Godfrey, Rob
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Guidance?

From: Courrege, Diette [<mailto:dcourrege@postandcourier.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 2:57 PM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: rural teacher housing

Rob,

I'm working on a story about rural teacher housing, specifically the teacher lofts in Saluda (funded by a combo of state \$ and a private match). Rural areas struggle with teacher recruitment, and one of the problems they face is a lack of affordable places for teachers to live. The idea was that this arrangement would be replicated statewide (former state Super Jim Rex was a big supporter of this concept), but that didn't happen.

I'm interested in Gov. Nikki Haley's position on that issue. Is this an area in which the state needs to invest public dollars? Would she support creating more of these types of arrangements?

Let me know if you need more info/background. And if you can't get to this today, Monday is fine.

Thanks, Rob.
Diette

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