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**Subject:** Re: First Steps Reauthorization /April and May opportunities for Governor Haley

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Hi Christian:

This is great news- thanks so much. Having the Governor kick-off the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" campaign for SC is a huge win for kids.

See agenda below. The parade begins at the state library at 10, program on the steps starts at 10:30. Our announcement follows the Teacher of the Year welcome and remarks--probably 10:50? If this still looks feasible, please confirm and I will notify our READ IN partners.

We will have her draft remarks to you for review and polish over the weekend. Thanks again!

Anything you can do on the proclamation is greatly appreciated. We would see her either 1) reading it at Thursday's event as a part of the book campaign launch, or 2) Lewis reading it on her behalf to the state board later in the day, whichever the Governor prefers.

All the best-  
Susan

## AGENDA

2014 SC Read-In / Thursday, April 10

Arrival and Registration

SC State Library / 1500 Senate Street

9-9:50

Parade to the State House

Benedict College Drumline

Herman Jones, Director of Bands

10-10:30

Program

10:30 -11:30

Welcome

Jennifer Wirtzberger, WLTX News 19 Reporter

Mistress of Ceremonies

Presentation of Colors

C.A. Johnson AFJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Christina Zapolski – Miss SC USA

Diana Carr

SC Association of School Librarians

Hulen Bivens, Director

SC State Library

Darleen Sutton

SC Teacher of the Year

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Nikki Haley, Chair State Board of Trustees

SC First Steps

Roll Call of Schools

Jennifer Wirtzberger

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

By Dr. Seuss

Sen. Katrina Shealy, USA

Vanessa Mota, Mexico

Sandra Sabo, China

Fairoozan Abdalla, Iraq

Heidi Chavious, Germany

Angelica Quinn, Portugal

Darleen Sutton, USA

Cocky's Reading Pledge

Read-In by students

11:30 – noon

Thanks to everyone for attending and supporting the Read-In!

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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I've reached out to our correspondence folks to see what they have on the proclamation request...I know we're getting short on time, but I'm hoping to get back to you on that sometime relatively late on Friday...possibly over the weekend.

The Governor's schedule is tight on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but I think I might be able to pry her loose for about 5 minutes right at 10AM. Is that too early, and if so, what time precisely would you be shooting for instead? Thanks.

CLS

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From: Wuori, Dan [mailto:DWuori@scfirststeps.org]  
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Importance: High

Hi Christian,  
Tried to drop by the office yesterday while at the Statehouse, but you had just started a meeting. I wanted to check in on the attached letter from Susan to see if you felt we might be able to have a proclamation issued re: Week of the Young Child (which begins Monday).

If her schedule permits, we'd also love to have the Governor participate in the kickoff of the 1,000 Books by Kindergarten campaign on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if you need additional information on either.

Dan

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Hi Christian and Josh:

I hope you are both well.

We are excited to be moving along with First Steps reauthorization efforts in the General Assembly, and I want to be sure you all have the chance to weigh in, have your questions answered, etc. We are happy to sit and review the specifics of the bill any time you'd like, and trust you will give us a shout if any part of the language is a concern.

Here's the House version, as passed 3/4/14.

[http://www.scstatehouse.gov/query.php?search=DOC&searchtext=3428&category=LEGISLATION&session=120&conid=7509054&result\\_pos=&keyval=1203428&numrows=10](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/query.php?search=DOC&searchtext=3428&category=LEGISLATION&session=120&conid=7509054&result_pos=&keyval=1203428&numrows=10)

Two upcoming opportunities for your consideration:

1. Please consider the attached letter and Week of the Young Child proclamation (Week of the Young Child is April 6-12, 2014). In addition to her proclamation, we would love to have the Governor kick-off our "1000 Books by Kindergarten" campaign on April 10 as a part of the week focused on young learners. We will launch the campaign at the SC READ-IN (1300+ registered to participate on the Statehouse grounds).  
<http://read-in-sc.org/>
2. May 22 is the next SC Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting, a key agency collaboration meeting focused on indicators of children still at risk for school failure. Wanted to have this date on your radar in case anyone from your team can participate. We will also celebrate the first 7 years of Nurse-Family Partnership and hear the expansion update.

Let me know what questions you have-look forward to seeing you soon!

Susan

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