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Subject: K-12 Education Reform Initiative Celebration
Location: Logan Elementary School, Auditorium, 815 Elmwood Ave, Columbia, S.C.
When: 6/9/2014 10:00:00 AM - 11:30:00 AM

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EVENT: K-12 Education Reform Initiative Celebration

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2014

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Logan Elementary School, Auditorium, 815 Elmwood Ave, Columbia, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: Brian Symmes, Zack Pippin

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PRIMARY STAFF: Ashton Lee and Katherine Veldran

ADVANCE STAFF: Brian Symmes

PURPOSE: Gov. Haley will celebrate of the final passage of her governor's K-12 Education Reform Initiative.

PRESS: Yes.

LEGISLATIVE ATTENDEES: None confirmed. All education conversation legislators where invited, all declined.

Invite was sent to the entire General Assembly as well.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INTRODUCED BY: Pending (Possible local Richland school official or Dyisha Taylor, see below)

SPEAKING ORDER/ LINE BY LINE:

Pledge Richard Moore, Principle, Logan Elementary
Intro Dr. Percy Mack, Superintendent, Richland 1 (retiring)
Gov. Haley Remarks

Dyisha Taylor – Instructional Coach / Teacher, Orangeburg 5
Jan Hammond, Teacher, Northside Middle School
Mike Brennan
Gov. Haley (closing remarks / take questions from the crowd if you want)

BACKGROUND:

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Note: Logan Elementary will receive a fully funded reading coach. Richland District 1 will receive \$1.1 million for technology improvements

Note: We can't provide an exact funding formula figure because of a slight change in a proviso.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

Education Initiative

- We're here today to celebrate an unprecedented investment in South Carolina's public schools.
- Today all of South Carolina can celebrate a major transformation in the way we educate our children and a truly historic moment in our state's history.
- The changes to our outdated funding formula and the investments in reading initiatives and technology will open doors for students that have been closed for too long.
- Over the course of 2013, I met with legislators from both parties, teachers, administrators, business leaders, and other stakeholders to identify challenges facing our public schools and determine how best to overcome them.
- Based on those conversations, I released a bold K-12 education reform initiative as part of my Executive Budget. Thanks to House and Senate leaders, the proposal will become a reality.
- We have made our state a better place and I want to thank all the teachers, education professionals, and legislators that worked with us to help make these reforms – without them we would not have reached this important day.
- Teachers like Jan Hammond and Dyisha Taylor who are here with us today, and the countless others just like them who are dedicated to improving South Carolina's education system.
- The principals, the administrators, members of local PTAs, the business community, the college deans, so many people and organizations played huge roles in making this happen and they all deserve our thanks and gratitude.
- I also want to thank the many legislators who took part in my education conversation and who were pivotal in making sure these reforms got to my desk – Senators Matthews, Hayes, Courson, and Setlzer, and Representatives Bingham and Hayes.
- These elected officials went above and beyond and joined us in transforming the way we educate our children.
- This is Team South Carolina in action and once again we are proving the amazing things we can accomplish when we work together and never stop moving forward.
- **The initiative had some basic components.**

Updating South Carolina's Education Funding Formula

- We found that our education funding formula is outdated and inequitable – it fails to take into

- account poverty.
- This new initiative will put more money in the classroom, and better account for poverty while holding wealthier districts harmless. Simply put, there are no losers in this new plan.
- As an example, school districts will receive 20 percent more for each child on free or reduced lunch or Medicaid.
- Likewise, districts will receive 20 percent more for each child who has low English proficiency.

Emphasize Reading

- We found that South Carolina placed 42nd among the states for the percentage of 4th graders scoring at or above basic on the National Assessment Educational Progress in 2013.
- Those who cannot read by 3rd grade are 4 times less likely to graduate from high school.
- A recent study found that receiving a reading coach was associated with significant improvements in annual reading achievement gains
- So we made a \$29 million commitment to promote reading by funding reading coaches in every elementary school, including a fully-funded reading coach here at Logan Elementary.

Investing in Educational Technology and Connectivity

- We know that education technology has a strong positive effect on student achievement.
- By dedicating another \$29 million over the next year, including an additional \$1.1 million for Richland District 1, we can improve bandwidth and wireless connectivity to schools, as well as launch or enhance 1-to-1 technology initiatives.
- This technology funding is based on poverty indices; the poorest districts will receive twice as much per-student as the wealthiest.
- In addition, we're committing an additional \$4 million this next year for digital instruction materials.

By making these investments, we can transform South Carolina's public schools.

Miscellaneous Haley Administration Highlights

- On January 27 of this year, I signed the Government Restructuring Act of 2014 (S.22). It is the most comprehensive government restructuring in over 20 years - streamlining government processes by abolishing the outdated, five-member Budget & Control Board and creating the Department of Administration, which is responsible for executive and administrative functions.
- On February 11 of this year, I signed S.308, The Concealed Carry Reform Bill. This is just another example of how my administration is dedicated to upholding citizens' 2nd amendment rights here in South Carolina. The bill allows for responsible South Carolinians to carry their firearms into restaurants that serve alcohol, but doesn't allow them to consume alcohol. The bill also allows owners of these establishments to ban individuals from carrying firearms.
- South Carolina's Department of Social Services implemented a welfare-to-work program that has found jobs for over 20,000 welfare recipients (20,217) with 97.1 percent not returning to welfare at least three months following exit and more than 80 percent not returning for at least two years.
- In 2012, we spearheaded a tax reform effort for individuals and businesses and the General Assembly passed a small business income tax reform package that will decrease income taxes for three consecutive years. When the package is in full effect in tax year 2014, the cumulative tax relief to small businesses will be \$63 million (and growing as small business income grows).

- In June 2011, I signed a tort reform law, allowing South Carolina to recruit and expand businesses by protecting them from frivolous lawsuits.
- We have focused on job training and putting workforce ready communities in every county (with Clarendon County becoming SC's 1st and McCormick County becoming the 2nd) and recently named Clarendon County the 3rd in the state.
- We have one of the lowest unionization rates in the country. (3.7%, tied for the 3rd lowest state in the country)
- We made transparency in government a major priority of my administration, including fighting for and signing into law the state's first roll call voting bill.
- We established the South Carolina Commission on Ethics Reform by Executive Order in 2012 to recommend changes that would expand, strengthen, and clarify the state's Ethics Act, which has not been updated in over twenty years. A bill that includes many of the recommendations regarding income disclosures, oversight, and conflicts of interest is currently pending before the Senate and remains at the top of our legislative agenda for this year.
- By Executive Order, I established a Regulatory Review Task Force in February of 2013, which studied thousands of regulations promulgated by 22 state agencies to determine how the regulatory environment in SC can be streamlined to help small businesses succeed. The goal is to reduce government involvement in business and professional activities that stifle entrepreneurship, small business creation, and economic growth.
- Transportation spending authority has been a priority throughout my administration, which is why I signed into law a \$1 billion infrastructure bill without raising taxes in June of 2013 – the largest investment in roads and bridges in 25 years.
- In 2012, I signed a Charter School Bill that enhances the state's existing charter system by allowing public or independent institutions of higher learning to sponsor a charter school, permitting applicants to seek to form a single gender charter school, and enabling charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Here is Richland County: 1,409 jobs announced and \$182 million capital investment announced.

Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Invest.	Jobs
2013-09-26	Dayton-Rogers Manufacturing, Co.	New	Stamping and Fabrication	\$11,000,000	134
2013-09-03	2AM Group, LLC	New	Assembly Operation	\$500,000	100
2013-03-28	Constantia Hueck Foils, LLC	Expansion	Foils and Films for Food and Pharmaceutical	\$12,000,000	15
2012-11-20	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina	Expansion	Automotive Steering Systems	\$130,000,000	175
2012-09-25	McEntire Produce, Inc.	Expansion	Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	\$5,000,000	85
2012-05-22	WNS North America Inc.	New	Customer care center	\$4,250,000	750
2011-10-31	Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc.	Expansion	LED Lights	\$20,000,000	150

Between January 2011 and April 2014, the unemployment rate in Richland County has decreased by 3.8 percentage points from 8.8 percent to 5 percent. There are now 9,657 more people employed in the county and 6,789 fewer people unemployed.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

		Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14 S.22	3rd Reading 2/27/2014 H.3945	3rd Reading 3/13/13 - Failed S.53	Reference notes below. S. 266	H.3541
	SENATE - Richland County	DOA	Ethics	Sup. of Edu	ABF	Ad. General
R	John Courson	Y	Y	Y		Y
D	Darrell Jackson	Y	EA	N		Y
D	Joel Lourie	Y	EA	Y		NV
D	John Scott	Y	Y	N		Y
D	Tomas McElveen	Y	Y	Y		Y

		Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14 S.22	Passage of the bill 4/30/13 H.3945		Adopt Resolution 4/9/13 H. 3518	Adopt Resolution 3/20/13 H.3541
	HOUSE - Richland County	DOA	Ethics	Sup. of Edu	ABF	Ad. General
D	Jimmy Bales	Y	Y		Y	Y
R	Nathan Ballentine	Y	Y		Y	EA
D	Beth Bernstein	Y	Y		Y	Y
D	MaryGail Douglas	Y	Y		Y	Y
R	Kirkman Finlay, III	NV	Y		Y	Y
R	Christopher R. Hart	Y	Y		NV	Y
D	Leon Howard	Y	Y		NV	Y
R	Joseph A. McEachern	Y	Y		Y	Y
D	Mia S. McLeod	Y	Y		Y	Y
D	Joseph H. Neal	EA	Y		N	NV
D	J. Todd Rutherford	Y	Y		N	Y
D	James E. Smith, Jr.	Y	Y		Y	Y

Notes:

ABF: S.266 - On the Senate calendar. Gregory - has fought multiple times. Leatherman continues to fight against. Leatherman's name is on the bill.

Ethics: Sen: Bright and Bryant are the 2 Senators that voted against Ethics - 3rd Reading.

House: Bedingfield, Chumley, Delleney, Felder, Moss, Norman, Pitts - voted against the passage of Ethics because it was not what passed out of Judiciary.

Bannister amended on 3rd with a strike and insert of new language which did not include independent investigations.

Sup. of Edu: Leatherman and O'Dell voted against. Matthews voted present. Sheheen, Lourie and McElveen voted for it.