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## K-12 Education Reform Initiative

Governor Nikki R. Haley

**In Case You Missed It:**

### **Governor Haley's Plan Would Give Schools Technology, Reading Boost**

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*Haley Plan Would Give Schools Technology, Reading Boost*  
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"Local superintendents say Gov. Nikki Haley's plan to improve technology and reading programs will provide a boost to efforts to upgrade their schools.

"A portion of the \$198,000 that could go to Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three for technology would be spent on installing wireless internet access throughout the district, Superintendent Dr. David Longshore said.

"We have it in spots, but not everywhere, and we're already in the process of putting in wireless overlays,' he said. ...

"Haley's K-12 Education Reform Initiative focuses on bringing South Carolina's children up to grade level in reading and modernizing technology in the state's schools.

"If lawmakers fund it, the initiative would pay for reading coaches in elementary schools, increase the state's investment in summer reading camps and offer state funding for reading-related teacher training.

"Also, \$29.3 million would go to schools to provide internet connections and \$4 million for technology training for teachers.

"Almost \$186,000 in technology funding would go into Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four. Some of it would be used to update and upgrade both wired and wireless infrastructure, Superintendent Brenda Turner said.

"District 4 students are at a great disadvantage, both at home and at school, because they lack adequate access to the internet, she said. The funding would also allow the district to upgrade networking and add new technology to the classroom. ...

"Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five already has a plan in place to update technology and is in the process of putting iPads in the hands of all students over a period of several years, Superintendent Cynthia Wilson said.

“The district could get \$449,000 for technology under Haley’s plan.

“The additional money from the state would make it possible for the district to move more quickly and also to do staff development more quickly and do a better job,’ Wilson said.

“Jackie Jamison, executive director of academics for OCSD 5, said the district will make assessments to decide what tools will most effectively impact individual student learning.

“Technology allows us to meet the individual needs of our students,’ she said.

“Under Haley’s plan, Bamberg District One could get \$68,000, Bamberg District Two could get almost \$54,000 and Calhoun School District could get \$113,000 in technology funding.

“Haley’s initiative would also fully fund a reading coach in elementary schools in all three counties, except Whittaker in OCSD 5. Only schools with 20 percent or more students failing the state’s basic reading standards qualify for the fully paid coach.

“Turner noted that having a reading coach in the OCSD 4 elementary schools will provide more than just one-on-one help for struggling readers.

“The coaches could also provide professional development training for other teachers, she said. ...

“Jamison said that District 5 would use some of the funds to help pay for summer reading camps in 2015.

“The district started the program last year, she said. Struggling third-grade readers get intensive reading instruction for six and a half hours, four to five days a week in camps that run for six weeks. ...

“A source at the governor’s office reported that the funding plan will be built into the budget. One-fourth of the Capital Reserve Fund, or \$29.3 million, will be budgeted to pay for the technology plan. The recurring expenditures will be paid out of natural revenue – sales tax, income tax – as the economy grows, he said.”

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