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**Subject:** School Visit: Lugoff-Elgin Middle School  
**Location:** Lugoff-Elgin Middle School, 1244 Hwy 1 South, Lugoff, S.C.  
**When:** 4/24/2015 2:15:00 PM - 2:50:00 PM

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Advance: Colin Duncan  
(803)260-0938

**DISTRICT:** Kershaw County School District

**EVENT:** School Visit: Lugoff-Elgin Middle School

**DATE:** Friday, April 24, 2015

**TIME:** 2:15-2:50 PM (The school dismisses at 3:00 PM-students will be dismissed from the gym.)

**LOCATION:** Lugoff-Elgin Middle School, Gym, 1244 Hwy 1 South, Lugoff, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** The event will take place in the school gym. There will be a microphone, projector, laptop, and screen for the bullying video. Students will be seated in the bleachers. NH will be seated on stage. There will be a reserved seat for Ashton nearby in the audience.

**SCHEDULING CONTACT:**

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School Resource Officer  
Deputy with the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office

Ashton Text:  
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Principal  
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**PRIMARY STAFF:** Ashton Lee

**ADVANCE STAFF:** Zach Pippin

**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will visit Lugoff-Elgin Middle School to discuss bullying.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**INTRODUCED BY:** Karen Bullard, Principal

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5-10 minutes and 3-5 minutes of Q&A

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

Principal Karen Bullard (Welcome, Intro)  
Gov. Haley (Welcome)  
Bullying Video  
Gov. Haley (Remarks)  
Q&A/ Pictures (depending on the time)  
Gov. Haley Departs

**CONFIRMED VIP ATTENDEES:**

Frank Morgan, Superintendent  
Kevin Rhodes, District Office staff  
John Thomas - Chamber of Commerce  
Willie Mickle - County Council  
Dave McIntosh - local media  
Julian Burns - Chairman, County Council  
Tony Scully, Mayor Camden  
Will Catoe, Lugoff Fire Department

**ASSEMBLY ATTENDEES:** All three grades will attend (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>). 650 students total.

**BACKGROUND:** The Governor will address Lugoff-Elgin Middle School to discuss bullying. The school has a known bullying problem. Approximately 650 students will attend – grades 6, 7, and 8.

**BULLYING ISSUE:**

Mrs. Pamela Bennett contacted the Governor's Office on March 26, 2015 re her son being bullied at Lugoff-Elgin Middle School. She expressed concerns about the lack of action from the principal and other school administrators, and the lack of enforcement of a "no tolerance" bullying policy. Beth followed up with Mrs. Bennett via phone, and she asked that Governor Haley come visit the school. Mrs. Bennett has an active anti-bullying Facebook page and started a change.org petition asking for others to join in voicing complaints over how bullying is being handled at Lugoff-Elgin. The petition has over 260 signatures at this point.

When Beth followed up with Mrs. Bennett, she learned Mrs. Bennett had transferred her children to Stover Middle School. She reports the children are now all doing well.

Note: When Mrs. Bennett's husband, Troy Bennett, went to the school to complain about the treatment his child was receiving, he was served with a no trespass notice, as the School Resource Officer reported him as being belligerent. Mrs. Bennett will be in attendance during the Governor's visit on Friday and has expressed an interest in meeting the Governor, but Mr. Bennett is not permitted to attend.

**LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

Kershaw County

<b>Party</b>	Senate Delegation
D	Joel Lourie
D	Thomas McElveen
D	Vincent Sheheen
	House Delegation
D	Jimmy Bales
D	Grady Brown

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Kershaw County

Announced Jobs: 169; Announced Capital Investment: \$52.5 million

Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2014-10-08	Hengst of North America Inc.	Expansion	Filters, Fluid Management Systems, etc.	\$8,000,000	20
2014-02-26	WeylChem US Inc.	Expansion	Inorganic chemical manufacturing	\$10,800,000	49
2012-10-17	Invista	Expansion	Fibers and Fabrics, Polymers, and Chemicals	\$20,000,000	50
2012-04-10	Accuride Corporation - Kershaw	Expansion	Wheels	\$8,730,000	25
2012-02-20	Diversified Information Technologies	New	Data/Information Processing,	\$5,000,000	25

Between January 2011 and March 2015, the unemployment rate in Kershaw County has decreased by 4 percentage points from 10.1 percent to 6.1 percent.