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## This Week @ The Forum

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### May We Never Forget

*Their lives, their heroism, our cause*

This week we remembered those who LOST their lives on 9/11 and celebrated with gratitude those who so bravely GAVE them that day and in the years after...

## Who's On First?

### *Why SC Education Governance Has To Be Reformed*

Sometimes decision making in South Carolina like Abbott and Costello than so governance. The adoption of Common Core kerfuffle was the perfect example.

The problem? Who's in charge: the St Education (SBE) or the Education Over And while we're at it, why is the SE unrepresentative judicial districts which vary size?

Why is our Superintendent of Education still a politically charged position that is elected instead of appointed by the Governor? Great questions! The solution? Legislative and Constitutional change. Read more in our flagship [10 WAYS TO SUPERCHARGE EDUCATION](#) Fast Facts.

(And if you haven't seen it recently, do yourself a favor and [watch one of the funniest 4 minutes in the history of comedy.](#))

## PSA: Please Argue, Just Don't Shout

### *The Importance of Civility in Public Discourse*

It's campaign season, and that means arguing.  
Lots of arguing. Arguing between candidates.  
Between supporters. Between candidates and  
supporters. Over what the press has said about  
all the arguing.

The reality is that all this arguing is a very  
good thing, because the clash of competing  
ideas is what makes democracy work so well.  
Its only when policies have been debated,  
refuted, strengthened, and stress tested that  
truly good decisions are made.

But as The Very Reverend Timothy Jones reminds us this week in *The State*, all this arguing  
needs to be done with civility, or the benefits of openly exchanging ideas are lost in a cloud of  
angry smoke. So this fall, do you your civic duty and air your opinions in the open exchange of  
ideas we're so privileged to enjoy here in America. Speak passionately...but with respect for  
the inherent dignity of your fellow man.

[READ THE CIVIC VIRTUE OF BEING CIVIL](#)

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