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**To:** Veldran, Katherine [KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov](mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov)  
**Date:** 2/6/2013 9:01:55 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

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See below. Looks like 2004 was last time but this will be first time Governor turned down.

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**From:** BARBER, CASSIE [<mailto:BARBER2@mailbox.sc.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2013 4:32 PM  
**To:** Nathan Ballentine  
**Cc:** HUDSON, TOM  
**Subject:** RE: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Hi Nathan,

Yes, it was good to see you in your office today. And thanks for posting the picture! We have reposted.

We agree that while the idea of a personal letter is nice thought, we had really wanted and needed a proclamation from Governor Haley. As noted below, 2004 was indeed the last time we asked for one. This year will be the first time in our history that we have asked a governor for a proclamation and have been turned down.

Thank you for all you have done on our behalf. Your support is much appreciated. I will be in touch with details about the Annual Meeting and Anniversary Celebration on March 23.

Cassie

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**From:** Nathan Ballentine [<mailto:NathanBallentine@schouse.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:11 PM  
**To:** BARBER, CASSIE  
**Cc:** HUDSON, TOM  
**Subject:** FW: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Good seeing y'all today!

Ms. Veldran said the Governor would write a "personal letter of congratulations" but won't be able to do a proclamation.

I respectfully said "thanks, but no thanks". If you would like that letter though, let me know.

See below regarding the Governor's Office recollection of past proclamations. If you would, send me any proclamations since 2004 and I'd be happy to provide those to their staff so that they can update their records and see what they have missed.

Nathan

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:01 PM  
**To:** Nathan Ballentine  
**Subject:** Fw: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

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**From:** Thomas, Katherine  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 05:14 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine

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**Subject:** RE: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

The most recent request I see is from 2004, and the proc was issued.

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 3:49 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** FW: Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Please look the request below.

Have other Governor's in the past fulfilled this request?  
Thanks, Veldran

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**From:** Nathan Ballentine [<mailto:NathanBallentine@schouse.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 6:27 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** Veldran, request for Governor Proclamation - March 2013

Katherine,

See email below and attached suggested language for a Proclamation for School Improvement Councils across SC!

Mrs. Barber is a former constituent (redistricting has her in Rep. Hart's district now) and one of my first supporters and sharpest educational "go-to" person for advice.

I believe our School Improvement Councils (when active) are a key ingredient in parental involvement and improving our overall school environments.

Will you have the Governor consider this request? In light of the State of the State and Educational Conversations, this seems perfect timing for a quick approval. Please note past Governor's support.

Will you also please contact Ms. Barber to let her know you will present this to the Governor for her consideration...and then let me know this week or next what the Governor decides to do?

As always – thanks!

Nathan

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**From:** Cassie Barber [<mailto:cassandrabarber@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** Nathan Ballentine  
**Subject:** Concurrent Resolution request and...

Hello Nathan,

Hope the session is off to a good start for you. In enjoyed your FB post about JC's vote on the record!

Some good things may be coming our way at SC-SIC. Melanie Barton and the EOC hatched a new plan that demonstrates their support for us and which may help to keep funding for SC-SIC and a few other USC education programs more stable. We will see how it all unfolds. Your support over the years has always meant so much.

I am writing today because this year marks the 35th anniversary of School Improvement Councils and we would like to have a concurrent resolution introduced to help us mark that

event. There are others we could invite to co-sponsor - especially my Policy Fellows; Laurie Funderburk, Jerry Govan and Don Bowen, but I'll leave that up to you. A draft is attached.

And there is something else I could use your guidance on. In past years our governors have proclaimed the month of March as School Improvement Council month (I have proclamations from Campbell, Beasley, Hodges and Sanford in the office), especially during anniversary years. I hope that Governor Haley will sign one this year.

Unlike previous administrations I do not know anyone on Governor Haley's staff. Could you help us get this request in front of the Governor. Can you tell me the best way to approach her with this request? Is there someone in particular I need to contact? I have attached a suggested draft to this email.

We will celebrate our SIC anniversary on March 23 at St. Andrews Middle School. I'd love it if you could join us!

Best,

Cassie