Welcome

• Legislative Issues Preview

• Webcast Purpose
  • Issues to discuss with legislators before January
  • Share with staff, parents, community

• Handout emailed and posted scsba.org
  • Overview, position statement, talking points

• Type in your questions, comments
Presenters

- Scott Price, Executive Director-Elect
- Debbie Elmore, Communications Director
- Damon Jeter, Lobbyist
Freedom of Information Act

- **Court Ruling**
  - *Lambries Case*
  - *Agenda and Agenda Amendments*

- **Senate FOIA Study Committee**

- **Previous Session Bills**

- **SCSBA Position**
Education Funding Reform - SCJET

- Governor’s Education Funding Plan
  - Similarities & Differences
  - What’s Next?
- SCJET - “Package Plan”
  - How Does It Work?
  - What’s Next?
- Political and Economic Landscape
TEACHER ISSUES

• 2014 TEACHER RELATED BILLS
  • TEACHER APPEAL PROCESS
  • RIF POLICIES
  • PARENT NOTIFICATION OF TEACHERS UNDER REVIEW
  • TEACHERS DISMISSED FOR CAUSE LISTED IN A DATABASE
Teacher issues cont.

- **Senate Select Committee on SC Public School Teachers**
  - Teaching Climate
  - Evaluations
  - Appeals Process
  - Pay
  - Recruiting, retention

- **SCSBA Position**
TUITION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

• 2013 BUDGET PROVISO 1.85 REAUTHORIZED IN THIS YEAR’S BUDGET
• MOVE LIKELY TO MAKE PERMANENT LAW
• MEANS OPENING UP THE CURRENT PROGRAM FOR DEBATE
TUITION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM CONT.

• **How it works**
  
  • **Tax credit for contributions to scholarship funding organizations (capped at $8 million statewide)**
  
  • **Scholarships (up to $10,000) awarded to special needs students**
  
  • **Participating schools must administer a state test or equivalent**
TUITION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

• **Tax loophole**
• **Currently 5 Scholarship Granting Organizations**
• **Some organizations promote donors “profit” from contributions**
• **$4.5 million in tax credits (of the $8 million cap) still available**
• **SCSBA position**
STANDARDS & TESTING

• NOT LEGISLATIVE AT THIS POINT
• STANDARDS FOR NEXT YEAR STILL BEING FINALIZED
  • SDE PANELS AND EOC PANELS
• ACT NEW STATE TEST
STANDARDS & TESTING

• CONCERNS, ISSUES
  • TOTAL REWRITE OF STANDARDS VS. REVIEW OF EXISTING STANDARDS
  • TIMING
  • INCREASED TESTING
  • NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM
EDUCATION VOTES 2014

• WHAT’S AT STAKE IN 2014?
  • ALL STATE HOUSE SEATS – MANY INCUMBENTS UNOPPOSED
  • ALL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES INCLUDING GOVERNOR AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT

• CHANGES IN HOUSE LEADERSHIP
  • NEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND NEW CHAIRS
Closing

• **Board Secretaries Report Names of Participating Board Members by Oct. 31**

• **Evaluation Web Link to Come**

• **Legislative Advocacy Conference & Annual Business Meeting, Dec. 6-7, Hilton Head**