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The much anticipated

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly sets the stage for all the legislative action that takes place in our state's capital from January through June. Hear what will likely be the General Assembly's top educational issues in 2016 from state political, policy and budgetary leaders, and learn how your voice can make a difference.

Conference hotel

The Sonesta Hotel is located in the Shipyard Plantation at 130 Shipyard Drive on Hilton Head Island. Rooms will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 10, 2015, for \$120 for single/double occupancy, plus taxes and fees through November 20 (or whenever the room block is full) by calling 800.766.3782.

Boardmanship Institute

Board members will receive 15 points and 7 hours of credit for attendance and participation.

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Registration

The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$185 for members and \$285 for non-members through November 20, and afterwards, increases by \$25 per person. Additional lunch tickets for guests of registered attendees will be available for \$30 per person. Board members and district administrators must register through their board secretary to prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing and credit card charges.

For more information or assistance, contact Sandy Poole at spoole@scsba.org or 800.326.3679.

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Friday, December 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Registration – Foyer

Saturday, December 5

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration & continental breakfast

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

Annual business meeting orientation

Review and discuss the association's proposed legislative priorities and belief statements to be presented during the Delegate Assembly.

Scott Price, Esq., *SCSBA Executive Director*

Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First general session

Welcome and purpose

Robert Gantt, *SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member*

Education legislative issues in 2016, Part I

How will the state respond to the SC Supreme Court ruling in the decades-old school funding lawsuit when it faces millions, if not billions of dollars, to fix or replace roads, bridges and other infrastructure devastated by historic flooding? Is education funding reform part of the solution? Hear the perspectives of legislative leaders on education issues that will likely be debated by the General Assembly in 2016.

Sen. Sean Bennett, *member of the Senate Special Subcommittee in Response to the Abbeville Lawsuit, Banking and Insurance Committee, Fish, Game and Forestry Committee, Judiciary Committee, Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and Transportation Committee*

Sen. John W. Matthews, Jr., *member of the Senate Education Committee, Finance Committee*

Rep. Jerry N. Govan, Jr., *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee, K12 Subcommittee, and member of the special House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force*

Rep. Dwight A. Loftis, *member of House Ways and Means Committee and chairman of the Economic Development, Capital Improvement and Other Taxes Subcommittee, and member of the special House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force*

Moderator: Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Beverage break

Co-sponsored by Duff, White & Turner, LLC

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Second general session

Plaintiff school districts respond, Part II

What would the plaintiff districts like the General Assembly's response to be in 2016? Hear from representatives

from some of the plaintiff school districts and one of their attorneys about the status of the state's deadline and how proposals being discussed may impact the plaintiff districts and the state's other school districts.

Dr. Wanda Andrews, *Superintendent, Lee County School District*

Dr. David Mathis, *Superintendent, Saluda County Schools*

Laura Callaway Hart, *Attorney, Duff, White & Turner, LLC*

Moderator: Scott Price, *Esq. SCSBA Executive Director*

11:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Beverage break

Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Third general session

The big picture for fiscal year 2016-2017

When lawmakers return in January, they face the monumental task of how to pay for the state's flood-ravaged roads, together with a looming court ruling to provide adequate education to the state's children living in poor, rural areas. Will revenue growth alone meet the needs? Get an overview of recent revenue and expenditure trends of the state budget and an outlook for next year.

Mike Shealy, *Budget Director, SC Senate Finance Committee Staff*

Moderator: Robert Gantt, *SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Included in registration)

2 - 5 p.m. (Delegates are asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m.)

Annual delegate assembly

Delegates from the state's 81 school district boards will

elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative priorities and belief statements for 2016 during the association's annual business meeting.

5 p.m.

SCSBA board of directors meeting

This meeting follows the delegate assembly and is open to all participants.

Sunday, December 6

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration & continental breakfast

Co-sponsored by Boykin Davis & Smiley, LLC

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

SC Caucus of Black School Board Members

This meeting is open to all participants.

8:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Fourth general session

Welcome

Scott Price, Esq., *SCSBA Executive Director*

Address by 2016 SCSBA president

Dr. Kathy Coleman, *SCSBA President, Saluda County Schools*

Legislation still on the table

The 2016 legislative session will be the second year of a two-year session. Bills that made their way through the process in 2015 are still on the table for action. Get an overview of remaining education and governance legislation that could impact your school district.

Emily Heatwole, *Director of Governmental Affairs, SC Department of Education*

Federal legislative update

As Congress considers a number of imminent priorities, from preventing a government shutdown to a new Speaker of the House, landmark education laws are pending during the final days of this session. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is in the middle of a long-awaited reauthorization and overhaul. House and Senate committees are moving forward to reauthorize child nutrition programs and update laws governing student data. Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations are impacted by budget negotiations that will hopefully yield sustained investments in our students and schools. This session will provide a federal legislative update on these and other issues impacting our students and school districts, and offer insight on how to maximize your federal advocacy efforts as elected officials who are key stakeholders in national education policy and local governance.

Michael C. Zola, NSBA Associate Executive Director, Federal Advocacy and Public Policy

Moderator: Dr. Kathy Coleman, SCSBA President, Saluda County Schools

11 a.m.

Closing remarks

Dr. Kathy Coleman, SCSBA President, Saluda County Schools

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