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What an honor it is to serve with you as a school board member in South Carolina as we work together to transform public education in our state. While our demographics are different from county to county and district to district, our focus is the same — our students.

Together we focus on teamwork — collaborating to find the best solutions to educate all children. We model respect — remembering that every child is somebody and every child can learn if given love and resources. We focus on growth — taking full advantage of learning opportunities to develop as relevant, effective leaders in public education.

One of our most important responsibilities to our students, parents and staff is to stand up and be heard as advocates for quality public education. School boards are committed to advocating in our communities and state for what we know is important on the local, state and federal levels. This year, we will advocate for reforming education funding, an education accountability system that encourages innovation and flexibility, sensible school safety measures and school facilities in districts that have a low tax base.

This year’s convention features speakers and presenters that will remind us that to ACHIEVE THE GOAL we need to be individually strong and committed to the team. Our sessions over the next few days will focus on board governance and equip us with the tools we need to work together to stand up for public education in South Carolina. As you attend sessions and connect with other board members, I also encourage you to visit the vendors in the convention trade show.

I’m excited to welcome you to the 2017 SCSBA Annual Convention.

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**Thursday, February 16**
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Board Chair Workshop
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
New Board Orientation
4:30 - 7 p.m.  
Convention registration and light refreshments - Foyer

**Friday, February 17**
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Beverage break - Exhibits area
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Registration - Foyer
7:30 - 11 a.m.  
Trade show - Exhibits area
8:30 - 10 a.m.  
First general session - Ballrooms A-F
10 - 11 a.m.  
Refreshment break - Exhibits area
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Trending topics (Choose one of three topics.) - Ballrooms A-F, Sabal Palm
12 - 1:30 p.m.  
Lunch on your own - For your convenience, grab-and-go lunch will be available in the Exhibits area for purchase by cash, credit card or room charges. Marriott restaurants will also be open.
12:15 - 3:30 p.m.  
Trade show - Exhibits area
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Trending topics (Choose one of three topics.) - Ballrooms A-F, Sabal Palm
2:30 - 3 p.m.  
Refreshment break - Exhibits area
3 - 4 p.m.  
Breakout sessions (Choose one of six topics.) - Ballrooms A-F, Sabal Palm

**Saturday, February 18**
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Beverage break - Exhibits area
7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Registration - Foyer
7:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Trade show - Exhibits area
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Second general session - Ballrooms A-F
10:30 - 11 a.m.  
Refreshment break - Exhibits area
Door prize winners posted - Exhibits area
Agenda at a Glance

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Breakout sessions** (Choose one of five topics.) - *Ballrooms A-F*

12:30 - 2 p.m. **Lunch on your own** - For your convenience, grab-and-go lunch will be available in the foyer for purchase by cash, credit card or room charges. Marriott restaurants will also be open.

2 - 3 p.m. **Breakout sessions** (Choose one of five topics.) - *Ballrooms A-F*

5 - 6:30 p.m. **Saturday evening reception** (Heavy hors d’oeuvres, live entertainment and door prizes.) - *Ballroom J*

Sunday, February 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Beverage break** - *Foyer*

7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Registration** - *Foyer*

8:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Closing general session** - *Ballrooms A-F*
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Everyone attending the convention must register, including participants, guests, directors and officers. Exhibitors do not need to register; they are pre-registered for the trade show only.

The convention registration desk serves as an information center. The SCSBA staff will be happy to help with any questions or concerns.

Registration hours
Thursday .......... 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Friday .............. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday .......... 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday ............. 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Name badge
Your name badge verifies your registration and must be worn at all times.

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Messages for attendees can be retrieved or left at the registration desk. We are unable to page attendees.

Guest wristbands for the Saturday evening reception
Your registration includes one admittance for the Saturday evening reception. All registered attendees must wear their name badge for admittance to the reception. You may purchase guest wristbands for $30 each at the registration desk until Friday at 12:30 p.m.

The reception will be held from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 and will include heavy hors d’oeuvres, live entertainment and door prizes.

Cell phones
As a courtesy to others, please turn off phones or set to an inaudible mode during sessions and events. Please move away from the sessions and events area during phone conversations to avoid disrupting the speaker and other convention attendees.
Registration & Information

Breakfast
Convention attendees staying in SCSBA’s contracted room block at the Hilton Head Marriott will receive a complimentary full breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Hilton Head Marriott Café beginning at 6 a.m.

Lunch
On Friday and Saturday, lunch will be on your own. For your convenience, there will be cash, credit card or room charge grab-and-go lunch available in the Exhibits area on Friday and in the Foyer on Saturday. The restaurants at the Hilton Head Marriott will also be serving lunch.

Trade show and hours
Visit the exhibits area to see the latest in education products and services. Many vendors offer demonstrations, samples, and of course, door prizes! The participation and support of exhibitors and sponsors helps to underwrite convention costs and is greatly appreciated. The last chance to register for exhibit door prizes is 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Friday .......... 7:30 - 11 a.m. and 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday ...... 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Door prize opportunities
Join the crowd in the exhibits area during the Saturday morning refreshment break when many exhibitors give away door prizes. Names of prize winners are displayed on the bulletin board in the exhibits area. Winners can claim their prize by bringing the form displaying their name to the exhibitor’s booth. All door prizes must be claimed by 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Winners of door prizes being awarded during the Saturday evening reception and the Sunday morning general session must be present to claim their prize. Participate in the vendor signature game and become eligible for one of two $100 cash prize drawings during Sunday’s general session. Look for the vendor signature sheet in your convention tote bag, obtain a signature
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from the vendors and return the completed sheet to the registration desk by Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

SCSBA Policy and Legal Services’ annual drawing for two non-subscribing districts to win one free year of policy online services and one non-subscribing district to win one free year of paperless board meetings will be held at Sunday’s general session. You must be present to win. Please see the form in your tote bag for more information.

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Board Chair Workshop and New Board Orientation - 10 points and 5 hours of training

Annual Convention - 20 points and 14 hours of training

Student performances

Students will showcase their talents throughout the convention.

Friday morning
River Bluff High School Gator Steel Band, Lexington County School District One

Saturday morning
Nation Ford High School Clarinet Choir, Fort Mill Schools

Sunday morning
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Murray Banks, Motivational Speaker

Murray has been a speaker and trainer since 1984 creating a niche with custom tailored keynotes. While all speakers aspire to personalize their presentations, Murray developed that skill as an educator, teaching at every level from grade school to graduate school! His ability to identify the needs of each student and zero in on best practices for their learning have served him well for researching an organization, reading his audience and creating an interactive presentation.

Murray was a passionate teacher. In 1982, he was honored as Vermont’s Teacher Of The Year for Physical Education, and in 1983 received the Outstanding Educator Award from the national association, AAHPHRD. He taught in a city school district, a small rural school and a major university; coached teams that won state championships and teams that never won a game; and 40 years later is still coaching youth sports in his community.

At the same time he was achieving educational honors, Murray was winning his first of four National Championships in the Triathlon. He took a sabbatical in 1984 to train and race internationally, work on an advanced degree in educational leadership and co-author a textbook. Two times he has been one of the top finishers in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Hawaii. This break from public education enabled Murray to blend two passions - racing at the highest levels and teaching outside the structure of a classroom. His audiences now get the best of both worlds… a dynamic, interactive teaching style and focused, world class mindset.

Successful speakers are skilled storytellers. Murray draws on his teaching skills, athletic success and business savvy to engage his audience and weave a
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Murray lives in the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont.

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**Dr. John Draper, National Consultant, Expanding Support for Public Schools, National School Public Relations Association**

John Draper has energized audiences of educators, school leaders and community members in over 40 states. His presentations are marked by thoughtful analysis, engaging narrative and a refreshing passion for the mission of public schools. He makes research fun!

As the CEO of the Educational Research Service in Washington, D.C., Dr. Draper spawned conversations among school leaders nationwide on engaging staff and communities in active support of our schools. His presentations are known for getting to the root of the research and translating it into focused, proactive leadership practices. He is now a nation-wide consultant working with the National School Public Relations Association to expand support for public schools. NSPRA is a membership organization dedicated to helping educational leaders build community support for schools and school districts.

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**Mark L. Brown, World Champion of Public Speaking, Southwestern Consulting™**

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His Emmy-nominated presentation is part of a national outreach program against bullying, sponsored by Great American Opportunities. Great American has been helping schools raise the money they need for over 35 years. In 2012 Great American became even stronger with the acquisition of QSP, another well-respected fundraising company. Together they have raised over $5 billion for schools and youth groups in the United States and Canada. Great American supports numerous educational activities that go beyond fundraising - like this speaker program featuring Mark Brown.

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Brown immigrated to the United States at 18 - with $40 in his pocket and a dream of a better life. He never imagined he'd devote his life to helping others.

During a brief career as a systems analyst at Reader’s Digest, Brown developed a love for public speaking. But it wasn’t until a life-threatening illness in 1993 that he began to focus on a career change.

In 1995, he won Toastmasters International’s World Championship of Public Speaking, emerging first in a field of more than 20,000 entrants. The same year, the Harlem YMCA honored him with a Black Achievers in Industry Award.

In 1998, Brown joined QSP full-time as the Community Relations Manager. In 2012, QSP and Great American joined forces. He now spreads his positive messages to more than 200 audiences each year. He has also delivered addresses for numerous conferences, including the Maine Attorney General’s Conference on Civil Rights, the California Association of Student Leaders, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Middle School Association and the Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Brown is a member of the National Speakers Association. He lives with his wife and their three children in Lizella, Georgia.
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March 25-27, 2017
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April 25, 2017
2DAC (Two Days at the Capitol)
Columbia, SC

June 8, 2017
New Board Orientation, Make up
Columbia, SC

August 19-20, 2017
School Law Conference
Myrtle Beach, SC

October 12, 2017
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Thursday, February 16

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8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  New Board Orientation
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4:30 - 7 p.m.  Convention registration and light refreshments - Foyer

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8:30 - 10 a.m.  First general session - Ballrooms A-F
Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

Welcome
Queenie Boyd, SCSBA President, Lee County School District

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10 - 11 a.m. Refreshment break - Exhibits area

Co-sponsored by Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Trending topics - (Choose one of three topics.)

1. The trouble with the future is, it’s not what it used to be. Leadership for change in our schools - Ballrooms ABC

   In a rapidly changing world, many schools have an unchanging rhythm...a similar flow and schedule every day that can lull even the most dedicated educators into the comfort zone. Our leadership can inspire our faculty and staff to become innovative, responsive and creative in their work. Murray’s breakout will compliment his keynote with four strategies for helping our colleagues overcome “Pyschosclerosis,” avoid the insidious creep of “G.G.” and work with a sense of inquisitiveness and introspection. You will love his “Lava Lamp Philosophy” for continuous change and improvement. Murray was an innovator in his school and often found himself alienated by colleagues who told him “We’ve never done it that
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way,""We don’t do that here,""We tried that years ago and it didn’t work" and of course,""If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!"

Murray Banks, Motivational Speaker

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

2. **What every school board should know about South Carolina’s Mandated Reporting Law**
- Sabal Palm (Repeats at 1:30 p.m.)

South Carolina law requires certain school district employees to report suspected child abuse and neglect. In this session, learn which employees are required to report, what they are required to report and the criminal and civil liabilities for failure to report. Additionally, we'll discuss some big picture questions for board members to use in assessing their school district's compliance with the mandated reporting law.

Stacey L. Kaufman, Esquire, Regional Attorney Trainer, Children's Law Center

Moderator: Bobby Parker, SCSBA Board of Directors, Lancaster County School District

3. **Shots. Shock. Recovery.** - Ballrooms DEF (Repeats at 1:30 p.m.)

September 28, 2016, started as a typical day at Townville Elementary School only to change at 1:42 pm when an active shooter fired shots hitting students and a staff member. Since the horrific school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, there have been 196 school shootings with Townville being the latest. This presentation will share the timeline of events as they unfolded and what school leaders can learn from this tragedy. Participants will also hear national statistics and trends involving school shootings.

Dr. Joanne S. Avery, Superintendent, Anderson School District 4

Moderator: Dr. Tom Dobbins, SCSBA Board of Directors, Anderson School District 4
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12 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on your own**
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12:15 - 3:30 p.m. **Trade show** - *Exhibits area*

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Trending topics** - (Choose one of three topics.)

1. **Community engagement: Staying connected** - *Ballrooms ABC*
   With the onset of social media, the evolution of technology, setting and implementing policy, ensuring fiscal accountability and balancing budgets, maintaining relevancy with the community and staying connected can be challenging. The Lee County School Board has developed some outside of the box strategies to ensure that we engage all sectors of the community. They will share their best practices for keeping the community engaged and strategies for dealing with contentious groups of people. This includes specific recommendations for engaging parents, the business community, the faith-based community, other elected officials and the community at large (taxpayers).

   Sanya J. Moses, Chair, Lee County School District
   Sylvia A. Scott, Board Member, Lee County School District
   Moderator: Dr. Tom Dobbins, SCSBA Board of Directors, Anderson School District 4

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3. **Shots. Shock. Recovery.** - Ballrooms DEF
   Dr. Joanne Avery, Superintendent, Anderson School District 4
   Moderator: Johnny Wilson, SCSBA Board of Directors, Georgetown County School District

2:30 - 3 p.m. **Refreshment break** - Exhibits area
3 - 4 p.m. **Breakout sessions** - (Choose one of six topics.)

1. **Feds left schools alive? Assessing implementation of new FLSA regulations** - Ballroom A
   This session will cover changes to the white-collar exemptions from overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act that became effective December 1, 2016; assess the effectiveness of strategies to comply with the changes; review recurring wage and hour problems school districts face; and present solutions for identifying and addressing those problems.
   Tom Barlow, Attorney, Childs & Halligan, P.A.
   Moderator: Becky Bean, SCSBA Communications Manager

2. **Governance** - Ballrooms BC
   Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the board of trustees and superintendent is critical to the success of a school district. In this session, attendees will learn how the roles interface and how navigation through the governance, politics and operation of a collaborative team makes and implements educationally sound decisions.
   Donald E. Andrews, Superintendent, Jasper County School District
   Moderator: Cindy Bohn Coats, SCSBA Board of Directors, Charleston County School District

3. **When a band-aid and an ice pack aren’t enough: Addressing students’ medical needs** - Ballroom D
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Lindsay Anne Thompson, Esquire, In-House Legal Counsel and Executive Director for Compliance, Georgetown County School District
Moderator: Chuck Saylors, SCSBA Treasurer, Greenville County Schools

4. Making sound board decisions, practical implications and employee grievances: What is the board’s responsibility? - Ballroom E
This presentation covers various employee grievance situations, including non-certified employee grievances, and will inform board members of their responsibilities and roles in responding to and handling grievances. Board members can also expect to review various policy examples related to employee grievances to ensure their districts are in compliance with the law when handling these situations.

Ashley C. Story, Esquire, Duff & White, LLC
Moderator: Charles Govan, SCSBA Board of Directors, Darlington County School District

5. To blog or not to blog: That’s the question! - Ballroom F
As a superintendent coming into a district with conflicts, this superintendent discusses how she and the board re-engaged their community and staff through social media, community visibility and news media. These strategies are not new, but the effort must be strategic and constant to restore public confidence in the school system.

Angela H. Bain, Superintendent, Chester County School District
Moderator: Tara McCall, Esquire, SCSBA Policy and Legal Services
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6. **Closing the achievement gap: Best practices and strategies that work to ensure equity for all** - Sabal Palm

Participants in this session will be briefed on use-the-next-day strategies and easy-to-implement initiatives that are currently being used to close the achievement gap in an elementary school setting. Strategies focus around the Profile of the SC Graduate. Find out how district office personnel and school administration collaborate and communicate in order to make the initiatives a reality for all students.

Jaime L. Hembree, Principal, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School, Lexington School District Three

Julie Ruff, Media Specialist, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School, Lexington School District Three

Matthew Velasquez, Assistant Principal, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School, Lexington School District Three

Moderator: Cheryl Burgess, SCSBA Secretary, Lexington School District Three

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**Saturday, February 18**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Beverage break - Exhibits area**

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Welcome and introductions
Wesley Hightower, SCSBA President-Elect, Aiken County Public School District

Student performance
Nation Ford High School Clarinet Choir, Fort Mill Schools

Recognition of SCSBA Past Presidents

Greetings from the State Department of Education
The Honorable Molly Spearman, State Superintendent of Education

Recognition of SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Level 6 recipients

Recognition of SCSBA President’s Club Sponsors

Introduction of speaker
Chuck Saylors, SCSBA Treasurer, Greenville County Schools

Paddling upstream in a public school canoe
Dr. John Draper, National Consultant, Expanding Support for Public Schools, National School Public Relations Association

10:30 - 11 a.m. Refreshment break - Exhibits area

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Door prize winners posted - Exhibits area

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Breakout sessions - (Choose one of five topics.)

1. The teacher shortage in S.C. - Why teacher recruitment is everyone’s job! - Ballroom A
(Repeats at 2 p.m.)
South Carolina has a teacher shortage that is projected to grow over the next ten years. Not enough students are choosing to enter the profession and too many teachers leave the class-
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room within the first five years. Attend this session and learn what roles educators, board members and community members can play in attracting individuals to the teaching profession, as well as in recruiting and retaining teachers in your district.

Jane Turner, Executive Director, S.C. Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement
Moderator: Gail Hughes, SCSBA Board of Directors, Dorchester School District Two

2. Making beautiful music: How can board members and superintendents communicate productively? - Ballrooms BC
This interactive session will discuss the ways in which board members may lawfully and productively communicate with their superintendent before, during and after board meetings. Following an overview, attendees will be asked to review scenarios and answer questions about how situations may have been handled differently in order to achieve better outcomes.

Andrea E. White, Attorney, Duff & White, LLC
Moderator: Tony Folk, SCSBA Vice President, Dorchester School District 4

3. Early childhood: The critical personalized learning path to the S.C. graduate - Ballroom D
Attend this session to learn more about Lexington School District Four’s Early Childhood Center (ECC). The ECC serves approximately 650 three, four, and five-year-old children and their families, providing a full day of school tuition-free to all

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who enroll, including Montessori multi-age classrooms, through parent choice. The ECC, a charter TransformSC school, was specifically designed as a result of a deep belief in early childhood education as a critical component to support the Profile of the S.C. Graduate.

Lisa Evans, Principal, Early Childhood Center, Lexington School District Four
Dr. Linda Lavender, Superintendent, Lexington School District Four
Melissa Redd, Instructional Coach, Early Childhood Center, Lexington School District Four
Moderator: Glenn Odom, SCSBA Board of Directors, Florence Public School District One

4. Property taxes-debased, befogged, and constricted - Ballroom E

Why is the property tax structure important? In this session, we will dissect the legal structure of property taxes, with a focus on the property tax formula of fair market value x assessment ratio = assessed value x tax (millage) rate = tax revenue, including legal changes such as Act 388 and economic development incentives. We also will examine the index of taxpaying ability and the connection of local property taxes to the distribution to school districts of the state EFA and employee benefit funds.

William F. “Bick” Halligan, Esquire, Childs & Halligan, P.A.
Moderator: Annie McDaniel, SCSBA Board of Directors, Fairfield County School District

5. One child - One chance: Ensuring high quality post-secondary outcomes - Ballroom F

Aiken County Public School District initiated “One Child – One Chance,” designed to enhance its commitment to student success beyond high school. This initiative’s focus is to remove traditional barriers so that 100 percent of graduates leave high school with a solid connection to high quality post-secondary employment and educational outcomes. Join this session to learn about
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their comprehensive tracking system to promote on-time graduation, strategies to increase student connections to two-year and four-year colleges and universities and the reasons district support is crucial to the success of this initiative.

Gina Bassford, Coordinator for Counseling, Career Services, and High Schools, Aiken County Public School District

Carl White, Principal, Midland Valley High School, Aiken County Public School District

Moderator: Wesley Hightower, SCSBA President-Elect, Aiken County Public School District

12:30 - 2 p.m. Lunch on your own
For your convenience grab-and-go lunch will be available in the foyer for purchase by cash, credit card or room charges. Marriott restaurants will also be open.

2 - 3 p.m. Breakout sessions - (Choose one of five topics.)

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2. The social boardroom: Compliance with FOIA and The Electronic Age - Ballrooms BC
This interactive session will provide board members with practical guidance in dealing with social media, cell phones, district computers and other developing complexities in this technological age.
Shawn Eubanks, Attorney, Boykin & Davis, LLC
Moderator: Jamie Devine, SCSBA Board of Directors, Richland One

3. Communication is the key to building successful board/superintendent teams - Ballroom D
The possibility of having new school board members every two years is a reality in most school districts. Combining this occurrence with the increasing turnover rate among superintendents
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has elevated the need for school boards and superintendents to work as a team and communicate effectively. This presentation will outline how working as a team through effective communication can be an asset for children and the community.

Randy Bridges, Ed.D., Superintendent, Florence Public School District One
Moderator: Janice Morreale, SCSBA Board of Directors, Horry County Schools

4. **Great Expectations - Meeting the needs of teachers and students** - Ballroom E
Learn how Anderson Two’s “Great Expectations” is providing teachers with much needed practices to guide instruction and raise the expectation levels of student performance. The core values and principles found within “Great Expectations” support students in becoming successful citizens. The program has raised the levels of academic and behavioral expectations, and parents/community members are pleased with the results.

Jeremy Sauceman, Principal, Honea Path Elementary, Anderson School District Two
Moderator: Becky Bean, SCSBA Communications Manager

5. **What’s new and what’s next: Updating policies in compliance with statutory and regulatory mandates** - Ballroom F
Let’s talk policies. From South Carolina’s Read to Succeed Act to new federal requirements for district wellness policies, this session will cover recent statutes and regulations that have a direct impact on board policy and provide suggested policy revisions to ensure district compliance.

Dr. Tiffany N. Richardson, General Counsel, SCSBA Director of Policy and Legal Services
Tara McCall, Esquire, SCSBA Policy and Legal Services
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5 - 6:30 p.m.  **Saturday evening reception - Ballroom J**

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Before heading out on the town for dinner, join colleagues, convention speakers and SCSBA staff from 5 - 6:30 p.m. for a networking reception and a little fun, to include heavy hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and door prizes.

**Sunday, February 19**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  **Beverage break - Foyer**

Note: Convention attendees staying in SCSBA's contracted room block at the Hilton Head Marriott will receive a complimentary full breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Hilton Head Marriott Café. Breakfast begins at 6 a.m., Friday through Sunday.

7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  **Registration - Foyer**

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  **Closing general session - Ballrooms A-F**

**Welcome**

Queenie Boyd, SCSBA President, Lee County School District

**Student performance**

Eighth Grade Star Singers, *Dorchester School District Two*

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The Eighth Grade Star Singers of Dorchester School District Two will perform during Sunday’s closing general session.
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