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priorities

• education funding
• school safety
• start date
IRONIC, ISN'T IT?

I FORGOT THIS IS A SOUTH CAROLINA DAM.
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#1 education funding reform
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**Revenue Highlights**
- $75 more bsc $2,425 (should be $2,984)
- $54 million Abbeville capital improvement
- $29 million school buses*
- $19 charter school district growth
- $1.3 million of non-recurring for school technical assistance
- $5 million to high growth districts
- $450,000 to districts that receive at least 8% less state funds than they received in 2016-2017

**Requirements**
- Teacher step increase (local)
- Pension increase for some staff
- Increase in health benefits
- 3rd grade reading retention kicks in 2017-2018
funding reform
• issues raised during budget deliberations
  • built-in inflation factor
  • high growth districts
• house, senate study committees
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fiscal oversight

- address several districts in financial stress
- 3 levels escalating designations
- working group underway
- changes in the law will be needed

issues likely in 2018

- school facilities bill – funding is issue
- district consolidations
IN MY DAY, WE HAD TO WALK TEN MILES THROUGH SNOW TO GET TO SCHOOL.

THAT'S NOTHING, GRANDPA - WE HAVE TO RIDE IN RICKETY OLD FIRETRAP BUSES.

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#2 school safety
state board regs

- handled through regs vs legislation
- student conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures
- school resource officers
issues likely in 2018

• school resource officer funding at local level
• school resource officer training

#3 start date
joint resolution

• total solar eclipse
• mandate to include viewing removed
• mandate to provide instruction removed
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other legislation

• education accountability system
• freedom of information changes
• personalized pathways diploma
• minimum stadium bathroom
• benefits mandates

looking ahead