Legislative Advocacy Agenda

Friday, December 6
5:30 - 7 p.m.  Registration ................................................................. Hotel lobby
5:30 - 7 p.m.  SC Caucus of Black School Board Members ......................... Opal room
This meeting is open to all participants.

Saturday, December 7
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast break ......................... Crystal foyer
**Co-Sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC**

7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Delegate Assembly orientation ................. Opal room
Review, discuss and get your questions answered about the proposed 2020 Legislative Priorities and Statements of Belief that are to be presented during the association’s annual business meeting, known as the Delegate Assembly.

Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications
Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. First general session .................................. Crystal ballroom

Welcome and purpose
Tony Folk, SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4

Meet the Boards — K12 Education in 2020
Join us for a “Meet the Press” type conversational session featuring a panel of legislative leaders who will field political commentary and questions on K12 educational issues that will likely be up for debate in 2020. Hear their thoughts on education funding reform, accountability, teacher pay and more. This highly anticipated annual session will include an opportunity for questions from school board members in the audience.

The Honorable Paula Rawl Calhoon, *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee and K12 Education Subcommittee*
The Honorable Jerry Govan, *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee and K12 Education Subcommittee*
The Honorable Shane Martin, *member of the Senate Finance Committee and K12 Finance Subcommittee*
The Honorable John Scott, Jr., *member of the Senate Finance Committee*
The Honorable Ivory Thigpen, *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee*

**Moderator:** Bill Davis, *Humorist and former Education and State House Reporter*
Saturday, December 7, continued...

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Beverage break** .................................................................................................................. Crystal foyer
Co-Sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **Second general session** .................................................................................................. Crystal ballroom

A look at the fiscal year 2020-2021 state budget
Get an overview of anticipated revenue and expenditure trends and an economic outlook for 2020 and beyond.

Mike Shealy, *Budget Director, S.C. Senate Finance Committee*

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Beverage break** ........................................................................................................... Crystal foyer
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11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Third general session** .......................................................................................... Crystal ballroom

Federal Legislative Update
During this session, you will hear insight about expectations for education policy during the next year of the 116th Congress. NSBA’s federal advocacy priorities will be discussed, along with opportunities you can utilize to engage your school districts. Priority areas include teacher recruitment and retention as part of reauthorization efforts for the Higher Education Act, federal appropriations and investments in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school safety, school infrastructure and education technology investments.

Deborah Rigsby, *Program Director, Lobbying and Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch (Included in registration)** ....................................................................................... Emerald ballroom, downstairs

2 - 5 p.m. **Delegate Assembly** .................................................................................................................. Crystal ballroom
*Delegates are asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m.*

Representatives of the state’s 79 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association’s legislative priorities and statements of belief for 2020.

5 p.m. **SCSBA board of directors meeting** ................................................................................................. Emerald salon one
*This meeting follows the annual business meeting and is open to all participants.*
Sunday, December 8

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  Registration and breakfast break ................................................................. Crystal foyer

8:45 - 9 a.m.  Closing general session ............................................................................ Crystal ballroom

Welcome  
Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director

9 - 9:30 a.m.  Address by 2020 SCSBA president ................................................................. Crystal ballroom  
Chuck Saylors, SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  Education issues roundtable................................................................. Crystal ballroom  
Hear a roundtable discussion featuring representatives from various state education organizations to learn more about the K12 issues their members will be pushing in 2020. What are the issues topping the agenda of the state’s teachers? What will be the focus of advocacy efforts of school administrators and school business officials? And most importantly, how will their issues intersect with school board issues?

Lisa Ellis, Founder and board member, SC for Ed  
Debbie Elmore, Director of Governmental Relations and Communications, SCSBA  
Joanie Lawson, Government Relations Specialist, South Carolina Education Association  
Kathy Maness, Executive Director, Palmetto State Teachers Association  
Pam Mills, Lobbyist, SC Association of School Administrators  
Sandy Smith, Executive Director, SC Association of School Business Officials  
Moderator: Bill Davis, Humorist and former Education and State House Reporter

11 a.m.  Closing remarks ........................................................................................................ Crystal ballroom  
Chuck Saylors, SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools