



SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW WEBCAST

WELCOME

- **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES PREVIEW**
- **WEBCAST PURPOSE**
 - ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH LEGISLATORS BEFORE JANUARY
 - SHARE WITH STAFF, PARENTS, COMMUNITY
- **HANDOUT EMAILED AND POSTED [SCSBA.ORG](https://scsba.org)**
 - OVERVIEW, POSITION STATEMENT, TALKING POINTS
- **TYPE IN YOUR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS**



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PRESENTERS

- **SCOTT PRICE, *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-ELECT***
- **DEBBIE ELMORE, *COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR***
- **DAMON JETER, *LOBBYIST***



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- **COURT RULING**
 - *LAMBRIES CASE*
 - AGENDA AND AGENDA AMENDMENTS
- **SENATE FOIA STUDY COMMITTEE**
- **PREVIOUS SESSION BILLS**
- **SCSBA POSITION**



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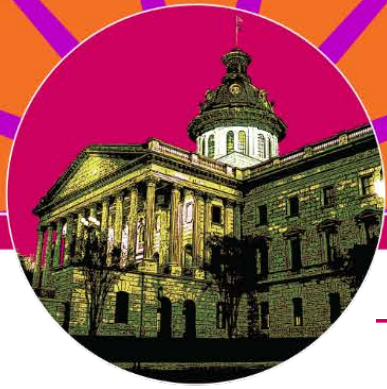
EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM - SCJET

- **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**



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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 PROVISIO 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**



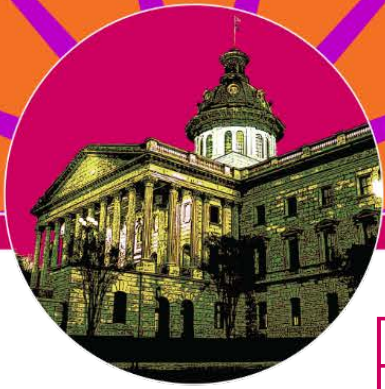
STANDARDS & TESTING

- **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**



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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



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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**