

**Friday, December 4**

5:30 - 7 p.m.                    **Registration** ..... Foyer

**Saturday, December 5**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.                **Registration & continental breakfast** ..... Foyer

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.                **Annual delegate assembly orientation** ..... Santee FG  
Review and discuss the association's proposed legislative priorities and belief statements to be presented during the delegate assembly.

Scott Price, Esquire, *SCSBA Executive Director*

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

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.                **First general session** ..... Santee ABCD

**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.

The Honorable 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 member of the Transportation Committee*

The Honorable 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*

The Honorable 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*

The Honorable John W. Matthews, Jr., *member of the Senate Education Committee, and member of the Finance Committee*

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

- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Beverage break**..... Foyer  
*Co-sponsored by Duff, White & Turner, LLC*
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **Second general session** ..... Santee ABCD
- 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: Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*
- 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Beverage break**..... Foyer  
*Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Third general session** ..... Santee ABCD
- 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*) ..... Santee EFGH
- 2 - 5 p.m. **Annual delegate assembly** ..... Santee ABCD  
 (Delegates are asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m.)  
 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**..... Savannah E  
 This meeting follows the delegate assembly and is open to all participants.

**Sunday, December 6**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.           **Registration & continental breakfast** ..... Foyer  
*Co-sponsored by Boykin Davis & Smiley, LLC*

8:45 - 9:45 a.m.           **Fourth general session** ..... Santee ABCD

**Welcome**

Scott Price, Esquire, *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*

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.       **Federal legislative update** ..... Santee ABCD

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** ..... Santee ABCD

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

*SC Caucus of Black School Board Members meeting is to be determined.  
Please contact President Alexis Pipkins.*