

# Legislative advocacy conference and delegate assembly

# 2018

## Legislative Advocacy Agenda

### Friday, December 7

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 8

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

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.                **Delegate Assembly orientation** ..... Emerald salon one  
Review, discuss and get your questions answered about the proposed 2019 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**

Wesley Hightower, *SCSBA President, Aiken County Public School District*

#### **K12 legislative issues in 2019**

Learn from a panel of state lawmakers about K12 issues that may be debated during the 2019 legislative session and hear their thoughts on education reforms for funding, accountability, teacher pay and more. This always anticipated session will include an opportunity for questions from the audience.

The Honorable Jerry N. Govan, Jr., *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee and its K12 subcommittee and 1st Vice Chair of the Operations Committee*

The Honorable Greg Hembree, *member of the Senate Education Committee and chairman of its K12 subcommittee, member of the Finance Committee, General Committee, Invitations Committee, Rules Committee, and Transportation Committee*

The Honorable Shane Martin, *chairman of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee, member of the Finance Committee and its K-12 subcommittee, Medical Affairs Committee and the Rules Committee*

The Honorable Marvin Pendarvis, *member of the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs committee and its Social Services, Mental Health and Children's Affairs subcommittee*

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

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 2019-20 state budget**

Get an overview of anticipated revenue and expenditure trends and an economic outlook for 2019 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

**Factors and trends affecting state funding for public education**

The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) provides a variety of research and statistics that impact the legislative and budget process and other administrative functions as well. These efforts affect many factors involving public education such as estimates of pupil growth, inflation factors, base student cost, property tax reimbursements and limitations on millage cap increases. In addition, RFA is releasing two new statistical reports this year. One report examines how appropriations by the General Assembly translate into spending at the local level and the second will begin to look at a longitudinal study on the college and career readiness of public school graduates. This presentation will discuss many of these topics and provide some insight on the issues and factors affecting appropriations and expenditures for public education.

Frank Rainwater, *Executive Director, S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office*

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 81 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative priorities and belief statements for 2019.

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 9

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.      **Registration and breakfast break** ..... Crystal foyer  
*Co-Sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC*
- 8:45 - 9 a.m.      **Fourth general session** ..... Crystal ballroom
- Welcome**  
                         Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*
- 9 - 9:20 a.m.      **Address by 2019 SCSBA president** ..... Crystal ballroom  
                         Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*
- 9:20 – 9:55 a.m.      **Federal education priorities in the 116th congress** ..... Crystal ballroom  
Looking beyond the November elections and final weeks of the 115th Congress, this session will provide insight about legislative priorities to champion in the next Congress. From special education and Tax Reform 2.0 to the 2020 Census, appropriations and school infrastructure repairs and modernization, learn about these and other issues impacting our students and school districts. Gain insights on how to maximize your federal advocacy efforts as key stakeholders in national education policy and local governance.
- Deborah Rigsby, *Program Director, Lobbying and Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association*
- 9:55 - 11 a.m.      **What goes around comes around** ..... Crystal ballroom  
When discussing new education proposals, state lawmakers often ask, “What do they do in North Carolina, Georgia or Florida?” And if something new has passed to reform education in our neighboring states, including such programs as Read to Succeed in Florida, education funding reforms in North Carolina or tuition tax credits for private schools in Georgia, then you can bet we will see it proposed in South Carolina. Hear more about education issues being debated in these states to get an idea of what may be coming our way.
- Andrea Messina, *Executive Director, Florida School Boards Association*
- Bruce Mildwurf, *Associate Director of Governmental Relations, North Carolina School Boards Association*
- Angela Palm, *Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association*
- Moderator:** Scott Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*
- 11 a.m.      **Closing remarks** ..... Crystal ballroom  
                         Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*