

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 3-4

Join us online for this year's live and interactive Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly

that sets the stage for all the action that takes place from January to June at the State House. Hear from state policy and political leaders and learn how to become a strong voice for South Carolina public schools.

As a school board member, the educational future of the students you serve depends as much on the decisions made by the state legislature as those made in the board room. **The time is now to take your leadership role as an active political advocate for public schools.**

Objectives

- Set SCSBA's 2021 Legislative Platform (Delegate Assembly)
- Learn about proposed state education legislation
- Get a forecast of the state's budgetary issues and how they may impact school funding
- Gain a better understanding of the power of collaborative, proactive approaches to the political process

Boardmanship

Board members will receive 10 points and 5 hours of credit in the Boardmanship Institute for conference attendance and participation.

Registration

The member registration fee is \$125 per person through November 20, 2020, and afterwards increases to \$150.

The non-member registration fee is \$250 per person through November 20, 2020, and afterwards increases to \$275.

The deadline to cancel and receive a refund is November 20, 2020.

Registrations by individual members are no longer accepted to help prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing and credit card charges. School board members and district administrators must register through their board secretary, and associate members must register through their SCSBA company contact. For more information or assistance, contact Blair Warren at bwarren@scsba.org or 803-988-0260.

Thursday, December 3

9 - 10:30 a.m.

First general session

Welcome and purpose

Chuck Saylor, SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools

Greetings from the State Superintendent of Education

The Honorable Molly Spearman

K12 legislative issues in 2021

Join us for a conversational session featuring a panel of legislative leaders who will field political commentary and questions on K12 educational issues that may be considered in 2021. Hear lawmakers' 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.

The Honorable Rita Allison, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee

The Honorable Ross Turner, Member, Senate Education Committee and Chairman, Senate Education Funding Reform Subcommittee

Moderator: Scott Price, SCSBA Executive Director

SCSBA has invited and is waiting to confirm with more lawmakers. Stay tuned.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Break

● *Co-sponsored by Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.*

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Second general session

The economy and its impact on the state budget

Get an overview of anticipated revenue and expenditure trends and an economic outlook for 2021 and beyond.

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

11:30 a.m. - noon

Lunch

● *Co-sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

12 - 12:45 p.m.

Third general session

A look at 2021 federal legislative issues

Get an overview of key federal policies and legislation impacting your school districts and communities. From COVID-19 recovery and voucher opposition to special education, school infrastructure and education technology, this session will review developments in these priority areas and explore advocacy objectives for the next 117th Congress.

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

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

SC high court's ruling in Adams v. McMaster — Now what?

In early October, Gov. Henry McMaster's decision to allocate \$32 million in federal pandemic aid to private and religious schools was unanimously declared unconstitutional by the South Carolina Supreme

Court, ruling in favor of public schools on all points. Hear from the state's leading authority on publicly-funded private school voucher programs, author of the book, *Schoolhouse Burning: Public Education and the Assault on American Democracy*, and an expert witness for the plaintiffs in this case about what the ruling means and its implications for future similar legislation.

Derek Black, Esquire, *Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law*

1:30 p.m.

Closing remarks

Chuck Saylors, *SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools*

1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

SCSBA Annual Delegate Assembly orientation

Review, discuss and get your questions answered about the proposed 2021 Legislative Resolutions 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 Advocacy*

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

Friday, December 4

11:30 a.m.

Delegate Assembly (via Livestream)

As part of the conference, registrants will be provided a link to view SCSBA's annual business meeting virtually.

Moderator: Chuck Saylors, *SCSBA President, Greenville County Schools*

In order to conduct the Delegate Assembly as safely as possible during the pandemic, one certified delegate from each of the school boards governing the state's 79 school districts will convene for the Annual Delegate Assembly in Columbia. Delegates, representing their school board, will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative resolutions.

Address by 2021 SCSBA president

Cheryl Burgess, *2021 SCSBA President, Lexington School District Three*

upcoming 2021 boardmanship institute conference

February 18-21 – Hilton Head Island, S.C.
SCSBA Annual Convention

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