



Agenda

Thursday, December 3

9:00 - 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 Kevin Johnson, *Member, Senate Finance Committee*

The Honorable Shane Martin, *Member, Finance Committee and K12 Subcommittee*

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

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

The Honorable Representative J.A. Moore, *Vice Chairman, House Military, Medical and Municipal Affairs Committee and Member, House Interstate Cooperation Committee.*

Moderator: Scott Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

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 - noon

Lunch

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

12:00 - 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 Rigsby, 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 Saylor, 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 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 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 Saylor, 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

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