

SCSBA IS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU! 2024 REGIONAL ADVOCACY MEETINGS

HARNESS THE POWER OF STORYTELLING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18
LOWCOUNTRY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25
UPSTATE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2
MIDLANDS

THURSDAY, OCT. 3
PEE DEE

In the realm of legislation, facts and figures are essential, but **stories** bring those numbers to life. Join fellow school board members in your area at this year's South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) **Regional Advocacy Meetings**. Spend a couple of hours exploring and sharing how **personal stories** can effectively advocate for or against legislation impacting our students, teachers, and communities sharing and learning about **the transformative power of storytelling to advocate.**

COME PREPARED TO SHARE!

Participants are encouraged to talk with their superintendent and principals to get real-life stories and craft compelling narratives that demonstrate the impact on the following topics:

- ★ **Impact of teacher shortage:** How has the shortage of teachers affected students in your district? Share specific examples of the challenges faced and the impact on student learning and well-being.
- ★ **Impact of bus driver shortage:** How has the lack of bus drivers affected students' ability to get to and from school? Discuss the logistical challenges and the broader implications for student attendance and participation.
- ★ **Impact of new funding formula:** How has the new funding formula influenced your district? Share stories that illustrate the benefits or challenges this formula has brought to your schools.

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 5 P.M. WITH CHECK-IN AND DINNER FOLLOWED BY THE PROGRAM AROUND 6 P.M.

Register today!

Don't miss this chance to amplify your advocacy efforts through the power of storytelling. The registration fee, which includes dinner, is \$55 per person. School board members must register through their board secretary to prevent duplicate registration, invoicing and credit card charges.

Boardmanship Institute

Participating board members will receive 5 points and 2 hours of Boardmanship Institute credit. Associate members must register through their company's contact assigned by SCSBA.

Choose the most convenient meeting location and date for you.

- ★ **Wednesday, Sept. 18 - Lowcountry**
Whale Branch Middle School - 2009 Trask Parkway, Seabrook, S.C. 29940
- ★ **Wednesday, Sept. 25 - Upstate**
Fort Mill School District Office - 2233 Deerfield Drive, Fort Mill, S.C. 29715
- ★ **NEW: Wednesday, Sept. 26 - Upstate**
Pickens County Career & Technology Center - 990 Chastain Road, Liberty, S.C. 29657
- ★ **Wednesday, Oct. 2 - Midlands**
Aiken High School - 449 Rutland Drive NW, Aiken, S.C. 29801
- ★ **Thursday, Oct. 3 - Pee Dee**
Aynor High School - 201 Jordanville Road, Aynor, S.C. 29511

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