The SCEA
Legislative Wins
124th General Assembly
Mid-term Update
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Passed Legislation

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<td>Dual modality prohibited; educators compensated if used for 21/22 (S.704)</td>
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<td>Student identification must include suicide prevention &amp; crisis resources (H.3476).</td>
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<td>Retiree earnings cap raised from $10,000 to $50,000 for the next 3 years (S.704)</td>
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Pending Legislation

- Bill to remove Social Studies from 3rd - 8th grade testing passed House; assigned to Senate committee (H.3592)
- Requiring districts to plan for unencumbered planning time - passed House; assigned to Senate Committee (H.3466)
- No restraints in teacher employment contracts for teachers who terminate contracts to work in other districts; introduced & assigned to House Committee (H. 3246)

Budgetary Wins

- Increase Disadvantaged Schools Capital Improvement Fund
- Increase Base Student Cost to $2516
- Funding for a nurse in every school
- A 5% increase in the state-provided portion of bus driver salaries.
- $1,000 teacher raise (regardless of step), raising SC starting salary to $36,000
- Broadband expansion statewide
- Expansion of 4K access
- Reinstitute the NBCT stipend *
  *(Specific details still pending.)

State Supreme Court Win

The unanimous 5-0 decision by the court blocked a plan to designate $32 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds for private school tuition. The South Carolina Supreme Court sided with The SCEA, affirming use of public funds for private schools is unconstitutional in SC.