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**The South Carolina Education Association & The SC State Employees Association Unite
A Coalition of Organizations to Hold a Press Conference to Announce a Call to Action for
Equitable Funding at the SC State House on Saturday, May 19**

*South Carolina organizations gather to unite concerned citizen's voices
and demand equitable funding for state services and public education.*

(Columbia) – The South Carolina Education Association (The SCEA) and the South Carolina State Employees Association have partnered with other local education and social progress organizations to hold a mobilization press conference on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 am on the North Grounds of the SC State House, with a goal of strengthening public support and commitment to ensuring equitable funding for education and public services.

The partnering organizations include the Quality Education Project, Palmetto State Teachers Association, South Carolina NAACP, SC Progressive Network, SC AFL-CIO, Progress South Carolina, SC Alliance for Retired Americans, SC Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, SC Poor People's Campaign, the SC State Employees Association and The SCEA. Each organization has called on their own members and supporters to mobilize for the walk-in event and show strength through unity in calling on SC Legislators and policy makers to provide more equitable funding to improve state services and public education.

"We encourage all South Carolinians to join this gathering of state employees and educators in unity to show our resolve in calling for equitable funding for education and state services," said The SCEA President Bernadette R. Hampton and SC State Employees Association Executive Director Carlton B. Washington.

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