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The South Carolina Education Association Will Announce Legislative Accomplishments and Priorities on August 14 At HB Rhame Elementary School

The SCEA President Sherry East will share how their legislative actions benefit educators at the beginning of each school year and how these achievements address critical public education concerns.

(Columbia) On Tuesday, August 14 at HB Rhame Elementary School (Richland County School District 1) at 1:00 pm, The South Carolina Education Association (The SCEA) President Sherry East will express their appreciation to SC educators returning to school and detail their efforts to provide the best resources to help them in the classroom.

Crucial to helping teachers prepare for the new school year, every South Carolina teacher will get \$275 in teacher supply money upfront when this school year begins, thanks to the ongoing work of The South Carolina Education Association.

Throughout their 51-year history, The SCEA has worked closely with legislators on a broad bi-partisan basis to ensure South Carolina educators receive resources to further public education. Among their many accomplishments in education policy reform and advancement, The SCEA worked closely with Governor Dick Riley's administration to craft the Education Improvement Act in 1983, building a strong coalition of members and other education stakeholders whose combined voices to the Legislature helped ensure passage of the landmark legislation.

Several items in The SCEA's recommendations to a teacher salary schedule study committee were included in the 2019 state budget. Also, The SCEA helped initiate and support recently-passed legislation that will provide more money to educators for unused annual and sick leave, resulting in keeping quality teachers in their classrooms.

During this press conference, President Sherry East will address the importance of these successes, as well as The SCEA's continuing commitment to help increase educator recruitment and retention.

Please join us on August 14 at HB Rhame Elementary School at 1:00 pm for The South Carolina Education Association's press conference.