

The South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators

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2022 WINTER CONFERENCE

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REIMAGINING EDUCATION: FOCUSING ON INNOVATION,
EQUITY AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

January 14-16, 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center
5055 International Blvd - North Charleston, South Carolina 29418

Message from the President

Dr. Liana Calloway



Greetings Conference Participants:

I am grateful and humbled to serve as the President of the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE). I am equally elated to be a member of SCABSE. I am committed to continue my strive to promote quality education for students of South Carolina.

Welcome to the 2022 SCABSE Winter Conference. This conference has been thoroughly planned to provide all participants a wealth of information to develop initiatives and resolve issues in the field of education. The goal of the conference is for participants to leave with inspiration and empowerment to support all educational positions in our state.

“Reimagining Education: Focusing on Innovation, Equity, and Social Emotional Learning” is this year’s theme. The planning committee has scheduled powerful keynote speakers and engaging presenters for the concurrent sessions that will provide an array of opportunities for professional learning and networking.

I appreciate every participant and sponsor for your willingness to make this conference a success. It is because of your compassion and desire to put the children of South Carolina first that we are reaping the benefits of success and continued growth. We strive to educate and empower educational excellence for the students we serve.

I encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen your professional learning and networking. Enjoy the conference!

Educationally yours,

Liana Calloway

Liana Calloway, Ed.D.
SCABSE President, 2020-2022

Message from the Conference Chair

Dr. Reggie Wicker



Greetings SCABSE Family,

It has been an absolute honor to serve as your President-Elect/Conference Chair. Your presence and participation in this year's conference is valued and appreciated. It is a true testimony of your commitment and dedication to ensuring the best education for all students. This time of uncertainty and unprecedented challenges we face today have made it imperative that we strive to Reimagine Education: Focus on Innovation, Equity and Social Emotional Learning.

The Conference Committee has collaborated and worked tirelessly to create a meaningful and focused-driven weekend that will provide opportunities for professional learning, growth and networking. It is the Committee's desire that each of you will return to your respective locations with a renewed passion to be an advocate for children and help create equitable learning environments they each unequivocally deserve.

With your unwavering support and renewed passion, we can continue to achieve our mission of ensuring a high-quality education for all children, particularly for African-American children, by establishing coalitions, providing forums, facilitating the placement of African-American professionals, and influencing public policy.

Thank you for supporting SCABSE and helping make this event a success. Enjoy the conference!

With gratitude,

Reggie Wicker

Reggie Wicker, Ed.D.

President-Elect/Conference Chair, 2020-2022

The South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators

On July 17, 1990, The South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE) held its first meeting. Its founding members were:

Lemeul Stephens, <i>President</i>	Betty Gunter	Malinda Taylor
Odell Stuckey, <i>Vice President</i>	Marjorie McIver	Joe Watson
Betty Lesane, <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Pat Phillips	Steve Wilson
Gwen Smith, <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Aretha Pigford	Vivian Brackett
Joe Rice, <i>Treasurer</i>	Wallace Richardson*	Al Butler*
Freddye Davy	William Gunn	
Margie Pearson-Jackson, <i>Historian/Parliamentarian*</i>	Jackie Stanley	(Deceased)*

The South Carolina affiliate (SCABSE) of NABSE is an alliance which supports the philosophy, mission and goals of its national organization. Since its beginning, SCABSE has significantly increased its membership and has been able to generate the support of the business community as well as educational and governmental leaders throughout South Carolina. Through strong leadership and commitment, the Alliance will continue to be a voice for advocating quality education for our children, recruiting and training of African-American teachers, and providing a forum for sharing knowledge related to educational issues affecting South Carolina's African-Americans. Granted incorporation status in October 1990, SCABSE is the foundation that provides a vision for all persons who are interested in the education of African-American youth.

Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators is to ensure a high quality education for all children, in particular African-American children, by establishing coalitions, providing forums, facilitating the placement of African-American professionals, and influencing public policy.

Goals

1. To improve the academic achievement of all children.
2. To recruit persons to education as a career.
3. To distribute information about career opportunities.
4. To share ideas about effective educational programs and techniques.
5. To influence public policy as it relates to educational issues

Membership

Membership is open to any person associated with educational work or supportive of education. Students may also be members.

Presidents	
1990-1992	Mr. Lemeul Stephens
1992-1994	Mr. Odell Stuckey
1994-1996	Dr. Aretha Pigford
1996-1998	Dr. Sanita Savage Frazier
1998-2000	Dr. Jerlean P. Holmes
2000-2001	Dr. Secaida Howell
2001-2004	Dr. Zona W. Jefferson
2004-2006	Dr. Teresa L. Pope
2006-2006	Mr. Al Butler
2006-2010	Ms. Bertha M. Timmons
2010-2012	Dr. Johnelle Sherald
2012-2014	Mr. Nathaniel Haynes, Jr.
2014-2016	Mrs. Marlene Williams
2016-2018	Mrs. Janette Williams
2018-2020	Dr. Myrtis B. Walker
2020-2022	Dr. Liana Calloway

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS	
1995	Dr. Sanita Savage Frazier
1996	Mr. Lemeul Stephens
1997	Mrs. Rhittie Gettone
1998	Ms. Yvette McDaniel
1999	Dr. Aretha Pigford
2000	Ms. Ida Tyler
2001	Dr. Zona W. Jefferson
2002	Ms. Bertha Timmons
2002	Ms. Belinda Johnson
2003	Mrs. Marlene Williams
2004	Mr. Walter L. Good
2005	Dr. Myrtis Brightharp-Walker
2006	Mr. John Robinson and Mr. Al Butler
2007	Dr. Johnelle Sherald
2008	Mr. Nathaniel Haynes, Jr.
2009	Dr. Gwendolyn Johnson
2010	Mrs. Noella Ferguson
2011	Mrs. Pamela Rhodes
2012	Mrs. Janette Williams
2013	Mrs. Marlene Williams
2014	Mr. Kerry Abel
2015	Ms. Elizabeth Burgess
2016	Dr. Julia Boyd
2017	Ms. Cynthia Johnson
2018	Ms. Ida Tyler
2019	Mrs. Sundra Proctor-Smith
2020	Dr. Teresa L. Pope
2021	Vanessa Harkless

A Salute to our Founders

Thirty-two years later...

When someone with passion and commitment creates and builds a strong association or organization, its members and society benefit. Such organizations are formed in response to a great social need, perceived injustice, or emotional response to improving the human condition. The founders of such an organization or association – the voices that move mountains of paperwork and red tape, convinces supporters and donors to contribute start-up resources – are the same people who inspire others to serve as volunteers and staff, and rise to meet each new day with a fervent passion to establish a better way.

Sparked with such fervor and passion in 1988 after attending his second National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) conference, and being astounded and fascinated by the relevance of the workshops, the pedigree of the speakers and the work ethic of the conferees, Lemeul Stephens began to discuss with a few of his colleagues the need for a South Carolina Affiliate to NABSE. As a result of such collegial discussions, the inception of SCABSE began to materialize. During the summer of 1989, Lemeul was granted permission by his office director, at the South Carolina Department of Education, to pitch the formation of an affiliate at the State Superintendent's Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. From this presentation and from a few other interested colleagues, a core group was formed and began to meet at the Department of Education. The heart of this group was comprised of the following persons; Alfred Butler (Deceased), Freddie Davy (Deceased), Bettye Lesane, Gwen Smith, Joseph Watson, Joseph Rice, Odell Stuckey, and William Gunn.

After completing the NABSE application and filing with the South Carolina Secretary of State, the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators was incorporated December 20, 1990. The following persons met the conditions established by the core group and are duly acknowledged as CHARTER members of SCABSE: Lemeul Stephens, President; Odell Stuckey, Vice President; Betty Lesane, Recording Secretary; Gwen Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Joe Rice-Treasurer and Margie Pearson-Jackson (Deceased), Historian and Parliamentarian. At-Large members included, Vivian Brackett, Al Butler (Deceased), Freddie Davy (Deceased), William Gunn, Betty Gunter, Marjorie McIver, Pat Phillips, Aretha Pigford, Wallace Richardson, Jackie Stanley, Malinda Taylor, Joe Watson and Steve Wilson.

Since its beginning, SCABSE has significantly increased its membership and has been able to generate the support of the business community as well as educational and governmental leaders throughout South Carolina and some parts of North Carolina and Georgia.

SCABSE continues to serve as a foundation that provides a vision for all persons who are interested in the education of African-American youth. The organization is committed to recruiting and training teachers, administrators and educational support personnel. SCABSE is also committed to providing a forum for sharing knowledge related to educational issues affecting South Carolina's African-Americans. Because of the vision and dedication of its founders, the strong leadership, commitment and devotion of its officers (past and present) and its members, SCABSE continues to rally for causes that improve and equalize educational quality. These causes are championed via the annual SCABSE Winter Conference, the Satellite Alliances, workshops, and professional development opportunities.

With utmost gratitude, The South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators applauds its founders for their passion and vision for realizing the need to organize a group of dedicated professionals committed to being advocates for quality education for all children in South Carolina. Your generosity, perseverance, continued support and guidance are duly noted and we "SALUTE" you.

SCABSE is an affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
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Conference Highlights

WORKSHOPS

This year we have workshops that easily fit recertification categories. Sessions are 50 minutes in length and cover a wide variety of certification areas. Each district will determine certificate renewal credit after you take back proof of attendance, which is located in the back of the SCABSE conference booklet. Please take advantage of the opportunity to hear about innovative strategies, techniques and ideas.

KEYNOTE/FEATURED SPEAKERS

Be inspired and encouraged by the remarks from Mrs. Amy Carter, South Carolina State Teacher of the Year on Friday, and keynote / motivational speaker Mrs. Cynthia Butler McIntyre, 24th National President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Saturday and Bishop Wendell Sumter, Pastor of Zion Mill Creek Baptist Church, Columbia, SC on Sunday.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PRESENTERS

Outstanding presenters will inspire and encourage participants during the Leadership Academy. Topics of discussion are geared for aspiring administrators and advancing administrators.

JOB FAIR

SCABSE wants to help school districts find educators, and we want to help educators find exciting career opportunities. If you are interested in teaching or administrative positions, take advantage of the SCABSE Job Fair.

VENDORS

Make sure you support our vendors. Visit with our vendors to be included in several drawings. Many of our vendors offer special gifts when you visit their booths.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Join us as we recognize district teachers of the year whose exemplary service to children make them leaders in their districts. SCABSE will recognize these outstanding educators on Friday evening as well as hear from our state Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Amy Carter, who will provide words of appreciation to our educators. Deputy Superintendent Virgie Chambers will also bring greetings as she recognizes our outstanding teachers.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Due to the impact of the coronavirus, and in order to adhere to the guidelines of the CDC, this year's luncheon will be served in Ballroom AB. We ask that you please maintain social distancing as much as possible.

NETWORKING SOCIAL

Digitally Divided: Dress in your best virtual attire

Presidential Award Recipient 2021

Vanessa Harkless



I discovered that like my favorite book, **Oh the Places You'll Go** by Dr. Seuss, life has many roads to which you travel. The road you may choose to travel leads you on a journey to becoming what you are destined to be. I was destined to become an educator.

I am a fifth grade teacher at Lester Elementary School in Florence 1 School. I have been teaching for over 17 years but in my district 20 years. I am dedicated to my Girl Scout Troop #577 and volunteer my time with organization such as SCABSE and CERRA as a board member. I love to work with my students in the extended day program.

I graduated from Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina with a degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. I furthered my studies attending Cambridge College in Boston, Massachusetts, receiving a Masters in School

Administration. My teaching career in public education started in 2004, teaching all subjects in fourth grade. I served as Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 and Honor Roll District Teacher of the Year 2018-19 school years for Lester Elementary.

My contribution to education includes the passion to educate the future leaders of today, commitment to be of support to students and parents, and the innovation to provide instruction to meet the needs yet challenge the minds of students. Opening the eyes of my students to a new world of opportunities brings about indescribable fulfillment and is the "Greatest Gift of All!"

Conference Speaker

Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre



Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre is known as an education activist and advocate, and currently serves as an educational consultant to new teachers and administrators seeking their certification and licensure. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and Curriculum and Instruction from the University of New Orleans respectively all by the age of 20. She is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Divinity from Christian Bible College of Louisiana and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Dillard University.

Mrs. Butler-McIntyre retired as a 30+ year employee of the Jefferson Parish Public School System, where she served as the Director of Human Resources for over 3,500 classified employees. As a former kindergarten teacher, assistant principal, and personnel administrator, Cynthia has impacted the lives of countless numbers of young children and employees. She's also been on staff at the University of New Orleans and Delgado Community College.

Her outstanding record of service and achievement have been recognized by numerous professional, religious, civic, and educational organizations around the world, too numerous to name. Ten universities have recognized and awarded her great accomplishments and she's been named Best Female Alumnus of an HBCU-by-HBCU Digest. Over 20 cities have declared "Cynthia M.A. Butler McIntyre" Day, she has received the keys to nearly 25 cities, including an island and been declared an honorary citizen of over a dozen. She has served nationally on the boards of the NAACP, Delta Research and Educational Foundation, and NCNW. She also chaired the Council of Presidents of all the leaders of the Divine Nine. As a lifetime member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, she was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and served on the national board and national executive committee. She currently serves NABSE as a member of the National Constitution and By-laws Committee, National Budget Committee and National Nominations and Elections Committee. Locally, she serves on the boards of the – Jefferson Federation of Teachers Union of Jefferson Parish Schools, InclusivCare Community Health Centers, Delores Arthur Charter School for Young Men, Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force of Jefferson Parish, and Greg Monroe (former NBA player) Foundation. Just recently, the Governor of Louisiana selected her to serve as a Commissioner on the Board of Supervisors of all State Technical and Community Colleges. The 44th President of these United States, Barack Obama tapped her as his appointee to the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation during his administration. She's also a member of The Links, Inc. and the National Baptist Convention of America International.

An international women's leader, she served as the 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. from 2008 – 2013, during its centennial celebration bringing worldwide attention to the sorority and its impactful work globally. In June of 2013, the sorority named an elementary school in Cherete', Haiti, the Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Campus in her honor.

*A strong believer and woman of faith who lives by the words of -- 1 Peter 4:10 which states in part-
"we should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others."*

Mrs. Butler-McIntyre resides in New Orleans, LA, where she is the loving wife to Mr. Ronney McIntyre, owner/operator of McIntyre Masonry. Through her marriage, she's the mother of four and the grandmother of three.

Conference Speaker

Virgie Randolph Chambers, MPA



Virgie R. Chambers is Deputy Superintendent for the Division of District Operations, Safety, and Student Wellness at the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

As Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Chambers directs policy and support activities of the Offices of Transportation, School Facilities, Medicaid, Student Intervention Services, and Health and Nutrition.

Ms. Chambers has over 30 years of policy and program management experience in the areas of health and human services, Medicaid financing, school choice, school transportation, and district support operations.

Ms. Chambers lends support and direction to State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman's vision that every student graduate prepared to succeed in college, career, and citizenship. She has been integral to several policy initiatives to include, but not limited to, Volkswagen (VW) funding to modernize the largest state-owned school bus fleet, allocation of capital improvement funds to assist districts with state of the art school security protections, and expansion of and coordination of state-level support to improve student well-being through school-based nursing, social emotional learning (SEL), and mental health services.

In addition to previously serving as director of several offices within the SCDE, she's served as health and human services policy director for Governor Jim Hodges and legislative services manager for the SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health.

She received a BA degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of South Carolina. She is the recipient of the J Verne Smith Humanitarian Award and has served on numerous boards and task forces, including the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education.

Conference Speaker

Amy Carter 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year



Amy Carter, the 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year, is a National Board Certified teacher with 22 years of teaching experience. 22 seems to be her lucky number.

She grew up in Snellville, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta and attended public schools in Gwinnett County. She met her husband in the band in high school, married him after graduating college (on May 22), and has been living happily ever after with him - even if he did buy a motorcycle as part of his midlife crisis. She has two children. Garrison is an 8th grader who loves playing percussion and lacrosse - but not at the same time. Emma is a senior who loves singing and songwriting with her guitar and being part of student government. She also is mom

to a very sweet Goldendoodle named Essie who regularly tries to eat dirty socks.

Before serving as the South Carolina Teacher of the Year, Amy taught English Language Arts and Teacher Cadets. She has taught students of all ability levels ranging from grades 9-12 in three high schools in her 22 years and truly believes that teaching is both her passion and purpose. Amy holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in English Education and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina in Educational Technology. She is looking forward to the Bulldogs winning the National Championship game this year.

Amy's teaching philosophy comes from Marianne Williamson's urging to, "let your light shine so that others may be granted permission to do the same." When a grumpy football coach made a difference in her own life as a tenth grader, she realized that she could do the same for others as a career and combine it with her love of stories to facilitate learning. She believes that literature can keep us in touch with our humanity and teach students necessary empathy that can foster future citizens that are better keepers of each other.

Conference Speaker

Bishop Wendell B. Sumter



Wendell B. Sumter hails from the Palmetto City of Columbia, SC, the Capital City of the Carolinas. Bishop Sumter was born on February 9, 1968 and is the proud son of the late Mrs. Luella S. Dinkins and Mr. Herbert Neal. The grandson of the late Mr. Rubin and Juliette Neal, and the stepson of Mr. Willie Dinkins, Sr. He is the oldest of five children and a devoted father to his only daughter, Kristin Marleya Sumter.

Wendell B. Sumter grew up with humble beginnings playing on the dirt roads of Hopkins SC. Bishop Wendell Bernard Sumter's ministry began at an early age at Zion Benevolent Baptist Church in Hopkins, South Carolina, where he served as Associate Pastor for five years and was actively involved with the youth and the music ministry. Bishop Sumter was ordained to preach in 1990 and has faithfully served as Pastor of Zion Mill Creek Baptist Church in Columbia,

South Carolina since February 1993. When Bishop Sumter was called to serve at Zion Mill Creek his desire was to pastor a church that was willing to grow and God has granted him that and every desire of his heart as he delighted himself in the law of the Lord.

Under the leadership of Bishop Sumter, the church has undergone growth in membership, property acquisitions, ministries and countless testimonies of faith. More importantly, lives have been rededicated to Christ and several have become ministers of the Gospel. Above all, the ministry has blossomed into an abundantly blessed and united family of believers who stand firmly on the promises of God. Bishop Sumter has devoted his entire professional career to public education and preparing students for the next realm of academic excellence.

Bishop Sumter holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Morris College and a Master's Degree of Education from the University of South Carolina.

A twenty-plus year veteran, Bishop Sumter has taught Second, Fourth, and Sixth Grade. Leaving the classroom, Bishop Sumter moved into a leadership role where he served as an Assistant Principal for Lower Richland High School in Hopkins, South Carolina for five years. He furthered his career by taking on the role as Principal of Great Falls Middle School and Great Falls Elementary School in Great Falls, SC. Under his leadership, he was able to take his faculty, staff, and students from good to great and from great to world class achievers! His school was named a Microsoft Showcase School, SC Title One Distinguished School for Progress, and became a National Title One Distinguished School. He currently serves as Chief Human Resources Officer for Chester County School District in Chester, SC

Bishop Sumter is a member of the Microsoft Education Advisory Board, A Learning Specialist with NCCE (Northwest Council of Computer Education), A Microsoft Innovative Educator and Trainer and a member of the American Association of School Personnel Administrators.

Bishop Sumter has traveled the world visiting Prague, Spain, Amsterdam, and India, as a consultant with NCCE/Microsoft and has presented at numerous educational conferences and schools motivating student, teachers, educators, and people from all walks of life!

Bishop Sumter is a Pastor, motivational speaker, faculty and staff morale booster, and a confident and proven leader. He believes every child can learn and every child must learn to compete with students world-wide. Bishop Sumter masterfully practices the art of educating and preparing students to achieve the unreachable and spiritually guides those who hear the word of the Lord!

Town Hall Meeting Moderator

Octavia Mitchell
WCBDTV / ECBDTV News2 Today Anchor



"I'm up and ready to shine at 2:30 a.m. weekday mornings." That's the answer Octavia gives when she is frequently asked, "What time do you get up?"

Octavia Mitchell anchors News 2 Today and News 2 Midday.

Octavia, a native of Awendaw, South Carolina, is a graduate of Lincoln High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in English and Broadcasting from South Carolina State University.

A member of the Count on 2 Team since 2002, she feels blessed to have a career she loves in her hometown.

Octavia is well-known throughout the Lowcountry for her comprehensive coverage of education. Octavia and News 2 have made a special commitment to covering positive news about local schools. In particular, Octavia's "Cool School of the Week" segments highlight the many positive and effective programs and community initiatives in local schools. Each Cool School gets coverage over an entire week, and the particular programs and philosophy of each school is clearly articulated so that local viewers can get a nuanced view of the range of great schools within the community. She also covers good news about teachers of the year, school awards, and other recognition of outstanding work in the schools.

Octavia has earned the reputation of being a fair, complete, and balanced reporter. Octavia is an Emmy award-winning journalist. Moreover, she has received numerous awards and accolades for her role in the community. Among her previous recognitions are the title of "Most Cheerful News Anchor" by the Charleston City Paper, and "Community Tribute Honoree" by the MOJA Arts Festival. Her photo has graced the cover of Women of Fruit magazine, an inspirational periodical focused on influential women in the Carolinas.

Octavia was recently inducted into The Citadel's Zucker Family School of Education's WALL OF FAME.

Octavia has served as the media champion for the Lowcountry American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign for several years.

Octavia says that she is most passionate about telling stories that have a direct impact on the community and that she strives to be, "A voice for the voiceless." One of her favorite quotes, "A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special." - Nelson Mandela

Octavia Mitchell is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Union African Methodist Episcopal Church. Octavia visits schools regularly and has served as a mentor for many school-aged children. She serves as a mistress of ceremonies or hostess for many school and community events.

When not reporting on local news, Octavia enjoys spending time with her husband Neilson Hilton, son Cayden, and her close-knit family. Also, when time allows, Octavia enjoys dancing, reading a good book, writing poetry, swimming, and watching old movies.

SCABSE Salutes

Amy Carter, 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year

2022 District Teachers of the Year

DISTRICT

Abbeville County School District
Aiken County Public School District
Allendale County School District
Anderson School District One
Anderson School District 2
Anderson School District Three
Anderson 4 School District
Anderson School District Five
Bamberg School District One
Bamberg School District Two
Barnwell 19 (Blackville-Hilda Public Schools)
Barnwell 29 (Williston School District)
Barnwell School District 45
Beaufort County School District
Berkeley County School District
Calhoun County Public Schools
Charleston County School District
Charter Institute at Erskine
Cherokee County School District
Chester County School District
Chesterfield County School District
Clarendon County School District Two
Clarendon School District 4
Colleton County School District
Darlington County School District
Dillon Three (Latta School District)
Dillon School District 4
Dorchester County School District Two
Dorchester County School District 4
Edgefield County School District
Fairfield County School District
Florence County School District 1
Florence County School District Two
Florence County School District Three
Florence County School District 4
Florence County School District Five
Georgetown County School District
Greenville County Schools
Greenwood School District 50
Greenwood 51 (Ware Shoals School District)
Greenwood School District 52
Hampton County School District
Horry County Schools
Jasper County School District
Kershaw County School District
Lancaster County School District
Laurens County School District 55
Laurens County School District 56
Lee County School District
Lexington School District One
Lexington School District Two
Lexington School District 3
(Batesburg-Leesville Schools)

TEACHER

Shannon Temple
Ola Martin
Shernette Morgan
Aubrey Williams
Rebecca Bruce
Debbie Murdock
Angela Dunn
Kathy Moore
Bonnie Strickland
Shelby Berry
Carla Cobb
Betsy Portune
Jenny Raines
Aimee Whitesell
Brittne Guerry
Brijesh Bala
AJ Barnes
Laura Ferguson
Jamie Harris
Amanda Freeman
Stephanie Ramirez
Alonzo McDonald
Jessica Boyington
Madeline Brawley
Michelle Lloyd
Shelley Marsh
Margaret McLellan
Samantha Hoffman
Minerva Smith
Susan Jolly
Veronica Thomas
Ashley Dawkins
Susan Porter
Ashley Stark
Mary Brayboy
Canelia Bellflowers
Maricel González
Anne Kelly Tromsness
Heather Callihan
Kem Owens
Alison Barnes
Leah Stanley
Jacob Scheuer
Crystal Pankuch
Lysa Manning
Casey Burgess
Lindsey Dawkins
Kolman McMurphy
Kimberly King
Mary Jane Britt
Alie Brantly
Andrea Derrick

DISTRICT

Lexington School District Four
Lexington/Richland School District 5
Marion County School District
Marlboro County School District
McCormick County School District
School District of Newberry County
Oconee County School District
Orangeburg County School District
Palmetto Unified School District
School District of Pickens County
Richland County School District One
Richland County School District Two
Saluda County Schools
SC Department of Juvenile Justice
SC Public Charter School District
South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind
Spartanburg County School District One
Spartanburg County School District Two
Spartanburg County School District 3
Spartanburg County School District Four
Spartanburg County School District 5
Spartanburg County School District 6
Spartanburg County School District 7
Sumter County School District
Union County School District
Williamsburg County School District
York County School District 1
York 2 (Clover School District)
York 3 (Rock Hill Schools)
York 4 (Fort Mill Schools)

TEACHER

Justin Newton
Jennifer Metts
Franklyn McInnis
Patricia Bennett
Sulema Wright
Caitlin Hart
Cassandra Owens Moore
Marie Hallman
Gwynette Waters
Zachary Arms
Sally McCants
Valente' Gibson
Andrea Harris
Byron Graham
Deion Jamison
Leslie Borton
Jenna Brock
Marrisa Drake
Chase Moyer
Jami Guker
Heather Poore
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Leadership Academy Agenda

2022 Annual Winter Conference

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:10 a.m.	Greetings Dr. Teresa Pope, <i>Executive Director, SCABSE</i> Dr. Liana Calloway, <i>President, SCABSE</i> Dr. Carolyn Anderson, <i>Chair, Leadership Conference Committee</i>
9:10-9:45 a.m.	Reimagining Education Dr. Baron Davis, <i>Superintendent</i> <i>Richland County School District Two and President, SCABSE @ SC Superintendents</i>
9:50-10:10 a.m.	PCG Consulting Group..... Mr. Chy Davidson, <i>Manager</i> <i>Public Consulting Group</i>
10:10-10:20 a.m.	Partner Contributions and Support..... Mrs. Beth Phibbs, <i>Executive Director</i> <i>South Carolina Association of School Administrators</i> Mr. Scott Price, <i>Executive Director</i> <i>South Carolina School Boards Association</i>
10:20-11:00 a.m.	Preparing for the Unexpected / Entering the Role of Superintendent Dr. Vallerie Cave, <i>Superintendent, Colleton County</i> Mr. Deon Jackson, <i>Superintendent, Berkley County</i> Dr. Ameca Thomas, <i>Superintendent, Laurens County 55</i> Mr. Bernard McDaniel, <i>Superintendent, Lee County</i> Mr. Alvin Pressley, <i>Newberry County School District</i>

11:00-11:15 A.M. BREAK

11:15-11:35 a.m.	Social Emotional Learning (School Counselors) Ms. Keicha Barnes, <i>Counseling Director of Olympia Learning Center</i> Ms. Leslie Jeffery, <i>Lead Counselor, Aiken High School</i> Ms. Kim Ryans, <i>Lead Counselor, Wagner-Salley High School</i> Mr. Darriel Whetstone, <i>Lead Counselor, Glenn Hills Middle School</i> Ms. Tamisha Wiggins, <i>Counselor, Barnwell High School</i>
11:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Reimagining, Training and Supporting from the District Level Dr. Sal Minolfo, <i>Director of Administration, Aiken County Public School District</i>

12:15-1:15 P.M. LUNCH

1:15-1:35 p.m.	Children First (Reimagining Education) Mr. Carl Dukes, <i>Assistant Principal, North Charleston High School</i> Dr. Scott Floyd, <i>Principal, Schofield Middle School</i> Ms. Renata Johnson-Green, <i>Principal, Ridgeland Elementary School</i> Mr. Rasheem Neloms, <i>Principal, Wagner-Salley High School</i> Ms. Jasmine Scott, <i>Assistant Principal, Schofield Middle School</i> Ms. Lindsey Toomer, <i>Assistant Principal, Denmark-Olar Elementary School</i>
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1:35-1:55 p.m. Innovative Ideas from Experienced Superintendents (Putting It All Together)
 Dr. Craig Witherspoon, *Superintendent, Richland County School District One*
 Dr. Rose Wilder, *Superintendent, Williamsburg County School District*
 Dr. Shawn Foster, *Superintendent, Orangeburg County School District*

2:00-3:00 p.m. Review of Key Points Dr. J.R. Green
Superintendent, Fairfield County School District

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A Night of Champions and Elegance

Friday, January 14, 2022

3:00-6:30 p.m.	Registration
3:00-8:00 p.m.	Vendors and Job Fair Exhibits
6:30-6:32 p.m.	Welcome Mrs. Kay DeWalt, Mistress of Ceremony <i>President, SCABSE @ York and Surrounding Areas Satellite</i>
6:32-6:35 p.m.	Greetings Dr. Liana Calloway <i>President, South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators</i>
6:35-6:38 p.m.	Greetings Dr. Erica Taylor <i>Chief of Staff, Charleston County School District</i>
6:38-6:43 p.m.	Greetings Ms. Virgie Chambers <i>Deputy Superintendent, South Carolina Department of Education</i>
6:43-6:47 p.m.	Introduction of Speaker Mrs. Debra Johnson <i>President, SCABSE @ Greenville County Satellite</i>
6:47-7:17 p.m.	Keynote Address Mrs. Amy Carter <i>2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year</i>
7:17-7:57 p.m.	Awards Ceremony Ms. Anna Jacobs <i>Chairperson, Hospitality Committee</i>
7:57-8:00 p.m.	Announcements Dr. Reggie Wicker <i>President-Elect/Conference Chair, SCABSE</i>
8:00-9:30 p.m.	Reception Music by Pearl's Vibe

Conference Agenda

Saturday, January 15, 2022

7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Registration
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Vendors and Job Fair Exhibits
7:30-8:00 a.m.	Burke High Steppin Bulldogs..... Under the Direction of Mr. Linard McCloud
8:00-8:03 a.m.	WelcomeDr. Marshallynn Franklin, Mistress of Ceremony 2022 Registration Committee Member
8:03-8:06 a.m.	Invocation.....Mr. Eric Jeffcoat President, SCABSE@Aiken County Satellite
8:06-8:11 a.m.	Posting Colors.....Charleston Military Magnet Academy
8:11-8:16 a.m.	National Anthem.....Burke High Steppin Bulldogs
8:16-8:24 a.m.	Organization Purpose, Mission and Litany Dr. Teresa Pope Executive Director, SCABSE

–LITANY OF COMMITMENT–

PRESIDER: We dedicate this meeting to the qualitative improvement of education for African American students and to the collaborative support of African American educators.

We rejoice that African American educators and supporters are assembled under the banner of the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators. We ask God's guidance as we deliberate concerning the issues affecting the education of African American students and the role and importance of African American educators.

To the honor of the Black community and to all of those who share a responsibility in the education of African American youth;

To the administrators, teachers, parents, and community leaders who are responsible for the quality of education for African American children

MEMBERS: We dedicate this meeting

PRESIDER: To overcome the low levels of performance for the masses of our children, the loss of African American educators, and the serious questions about the content of education (traditional, academic, and cultural)

MEMBERS: We raise our collective voices in an urgent demand for equality and excellence in education.

PRESIDER: To the call for new and extended independent African American initiatives in education. To the need to redress prior deprivations caused by slavery, segregation, racism and poverty.

MEMBERS: We pledge our commitment to do what is necessary for ourselves, as we understand that some things we must do for ourselves.

UNISON: We, the benefactors of many who shed blood and life years to bring us to this point, are grateful for our heritage and this opportunity to go forward with the unfinished legacy. We dedicate ourselves to the education and service of African American children and educators throughout the nation.

Written by, Shirley Ison-Newsome

8:24-8:27 a.m. Greetings The Honorable John Tecklenberg, Mayor, Charleston, SC

8:27-8:32 a.m.	New Logo Reveal.....	Mrs. Aisha Williams <i>President, SCABSE @Orangeburg/Calhoun Satellite</i>
8:32-8:37 a.m.	Introduction of 2022 Slate of Officers.....	Dr. Myrtis Brightharp-Walker <i>SCABSE, Immediate Past President</i>
8:37-8:40 a.m.	President's Award	Dr. Liana Calloway, President, SCABSE
8:42-8:45 a.m.	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr. Liana Calloway, <i>President, SCABSE</i>
8:45-9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address.....	Mrs. Cynthia Butler-McIntyre <i>24th National President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.</i>
9:30-9:35 a.m.	Acknowledgments and Announcements	Dr. Reggie Wicker <i>President-Elect/Conference Chair, SCABSE</i>
9:35-10:05 a.m.	Vendor and Job Fair Visit	

10:10-11:00 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS (PART 1)

Mindfulness and Trauma Impact of COVID-19 Dr. Allen Pope	Analyzing Data to Improve Student Outcomes Ty G. Jones	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Presentation
The Culture-Focused Teaching System: Rebounding from Learning Loss and Social Emotional Concerns in Students Dr. Dee Bell-Williams	Trauma Informed Teaching and Special Education Kasey Gaddy	Laying a Strong Foundation Through Professional Learning Communities Andress Carter Sims
Charging the Change Within Mona Elleithee	Creating an Innovative Pathway to Equity and Social Emotional Learning Through Literature and Small Groups Marcus Ferrara <i>Scholastic Education Solutions</i>	Equity Means All: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing <i>Public Consulting Group</i>
Lessons Learned from COVID: Focusing on Next Level Solutions Dr. Rhodney Lofton		Taking Off the Cape Chandra McPherson

11:05-11:55 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SEL Intervention Strategies promoting Whole Child, Whole School, Whole Communities Jamie Brown	The Pedagogy of Stakeholder Engagement-Putting People First Tawio Barksdale	The Power of the Pivot in CTE Chris Dinkins
Using Discovery Education Experience and the Instruction Hub to Increase Student Engagement Andrea Lance	Speak Your Legacy Shari Revels-Davis	Equity Design Lab Vashaunte Harris
Leveraging Technology and Partnerships to Promote Greater College and Career Readiness Dr. Iris Garner	Can We Just Talk Leroy Dinkins	South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics: Carlton Hicks
Adjusting to the New Normal with High Intensity Tutoring and Engaging Summer Learning Programs that are Out of this World? <i>Public Consulting Group</i>		

12:00-1:00 p.m. Superintendents' Lunch

12:00-1:00 p.m. General Attendance Lunch and Vendor/Job Fair Visit

1:05-1:55 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS (PART 2)

Kindergarten Transition Program Improves Social-Emotional Learning Janice Kilburn	Balancing Well-Being for Teachers and Leaders Becky Dukes	Tech Tools You Can Use for Beginners to Communicate Jocelyn Jones
Raising the Standard of Equity with Collective School Leadership Kimberly Hutcherson	Getting LIT for LITeracy: Cultivating Excellence Through Literacy Across the Curriculum Grade K-4 Dr. Anthony Broughton	All About the SEL: Our whole child commitment to serving every child every day Dr. Patrice Green
i-Ready by Curriculum Associates Shane Dukes	Inclusive Classrooms that Support Special Education and Multilingual Learners Tacadra Rountree	Growth over Gaps: Innovative Leadership During a Pandemic Dr. Austria Bradley
On the Road to Reading: Bridging the Gap with Systematic Phonics Caitlin Padgett, <i>Letterland International</i>		

2:00-2:50 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Beyond Relationship to Strategic Engagement: Building Strategies for Effective Social Emotional Learning Dr. Yvonne Commodore	STEM+ with Flying Classroom Captain Barrington Irving	Where Do We Go From Here? How to Create a Blended Learning Environment Using Virtual Resources Cedrick Richie
Turning Trash Into Treasure Katrina Johnson	Bridging The Gap and Shaping Futures Through College and Career Readiness Candice Dennis	Creating a Learning Environment Based on Access and Equity Craig King
Special Education Guidance for Covid-19 Dr. Sheka Houston	License to Coach: Implementing School Wide Coaching Cycles for Administrators and Instructional Coaches Carlos Grant	Developing Social and Emotional Skills through Positive Relationship Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Grow Your Own Teachers Sunny Jordan	Lead with a FLEX: Showing vs Telling Johnnie Miller	

3:00-4:00 p.m. Town Hall Mrs. Octavia Mitchell, *Moderator*
WCBD-TV/ECBD-TV News 2 Today Anchor

Representative Annie McDaniel, *District 41* Representative Wendy Brawley, *District 70*
Senator Mia McLeod, *District 22* Representative Jerry Govan, *District 95*
Representative Terry Alexander, *District 59* Senator Marlon Kimpson, *District 42*

4:05-5:00 p.m. SCABSE Business Meeting.....Dr. Liana Calloway

5:00-8:30 p.m. Dinner On Your Own

8:30-12:00 p.m. Social (Digitally Divided).....Cash Bar Only Takes **Cash** - No Debit No Credit

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Dr. Teresa L. Pope
Executive Director of SCABSE Presiding

9:00-9:03 a.m.	Welcome	Ms. Elisa Sanders-Pee <i>2022 Conference Committee Member</i>
9:03-9:08 a.m.	Selection	Dr. Stephanie Hart <i>2022 Conference Committee Member</i>
9:08-9:12 a.m.	Invocation.....	Mr. Mark Manigo <i>President, SCABSE @Spartanburg Satellite</i>
9:12-9:16 a.m.	Scripture.....	Mr. Eric Jeffcoat <i>President, SCABSE @Aiken Satellite</i>
9:16-9:26 a.m.	Memorial Service	Dr. Jeffery Long <i>Chief Human Resources Officer, Richland School District One</i>
9:26-9:30 a.m.	Introduction of Speaker.....	Mr. Brian Edmond <i>2022 Conference Committee Member</i>
9:30-9:35 a.m.	Musical Selection	Dr. Stephanie Hart <i>2022 Conference Committee Member</i>
9:35-10:10 a.m.	Message.....	Bishop Wendell Sumter <i>Pastor, Zion Mill Creek Baptist Church, Columbia, SC</i>
10:10-10:15 a.m.	Closing Remarks	Dr. Reggie Wicker
	Benediction	Bishop Wendell Sumter

The logo for SCABSE is displayed on a dark grey rounded rectangular background. The letters 'sc' are in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, while 'abse' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'b' is stylized with a white silhouette of the state of South Carolina inside its upper loop.

Saturday Breakout Session Summaries

10:10-11:00 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ROOM 4 *Mona Elleithe* **CHARGING THE CHANGE WITHIN**

Rewind to the summer of 2020. The most challenging school year in the history of school leadership was behind us. COVID-19 numbers were decreasing, groups started meeting again in person, and we were eagerly making plans to start a normal school year. Then 2021-2022 greeted us with unprecedented challenges that required even more energy, creativity, and resources than we may have had in reserve. Some of us had to step back into the classroom due to teacher shortages, cleaned bathrooms amid TikTok challenges, served food at lunch time, and observed students and teachers alike in a mental health crisis. We were so busy putting out fires, many of us found ourselves beyond the breaking point of our own burn out. This session is not about your typical self-care strategies. In this space, we will self-reflect on our own proactive resiliency skills and the impact they have on our buildings both in triumph and in crisis. We'll reflect on our attitude about change and the impact that can have on our energy and relationships. Finally, we will connect challenging changes with our own needs when we're under pressure, identify response patterns, and practice strategies used by the most resilient change-agents.

ROOM 8 *Dr. Dee Bell-Williams* **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS – THE CULTURE-FOCUSED TEACHING SYSTEM: REBOUNDED FROM LEARNING LOSS AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CONCERNS IN STUDENTS**

Due to the increased gap of learning loss & social emotional development responses in students during the 19-20 and the 20-21 school years, students, teachers and parents are concerned about the wellbeing of learners and the learning environment. The culture-focused teaching method is a strategic system of a research-based approach to building classroom cultures that affect the overall school climate and culture. Participants will gain a plan of action that can be implemented upon their immediate return to school. The participants can expect to role play, juggle, and work in small groups to gain an understanding of how to implement the new information learned.

ROOM 12 *Chy Davidson and Mary Baker-Boudissa* **EQUITY MEANS ALL: KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING**

Public Consulting Group will share a framework for educational equity that focuses district strategy on what really matters. Our challenge: the word "equity" has been conflated with "critical race theory" in the media and political sphere. Our opportunity: educational leaders can reclaim equity and culturally responsive practices as the hallmark of learning communities that nurture growth and success for each and every student. When we use an equity lens to reframe district policy, pedagogy, and practice to lift all students, the result is nothing short of transformative.

ROOM 5 *Dr. Allen Pope* **MENTAL HEALTH – MINDFULNESS AND TRAUMA IMPACT OF COVID-19**

This session will explore the relevance of Mindfulness and the Trauma Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic. Mindfulness is a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations, used as a therapeutic technique. COVID-19 abruptly affected student's learning over the past two school years, which impacted their social emotional well-being and academic achievement. Research shows emotional distress and fear can cause trauma in children and adults. The purpose of this presentation is to provide educators with skills and strategies to support student's social emotional needs in all learning environments.

ROOM 10 *Kasey Gaddy* **SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 – TRAUMA INFORMED TEACHING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Ongoing exposure to neglect, abuse, homelessness or violence can cause learning and behavioral challenges in all children, however; for the special education student these challenges are often magnified. Through role playing and other interactive and at times reflective experiences, this presentation will examine the signs of trauma in school age children and offer strategies, tips and suggestions based on research and actual presenter/teacher implementation to help educators helping and teaching special education students in our classrooms who have been traumatized.

ROOM 13 *Marcus Ferrara Scholastic Education Solutions* **INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES – CREATING AN INNOVATIVE PATHWAY TO EQUITY AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING THROUGH LITERATURE AND SMALL GROUPS**

Differentiation in the literacy block is best met through high quality small group instruction. Small group instruction remains a powerful tool for teachers to differentiate literacy instruction to the needs of every student. When teachers have access to high-quality authentic text for small group instruction, learners have their instructional needs met while interacting with authentic stories and language that allow them to mentally transport to different cultures and worlds. This session will share how to incorporate data from independent learning and use it to drive powerful small group instruction that embeds social-emotional learning.

ROOM 6 *Ty G. Jones* **BRIDGING THE GAP – ANALYZING DATA TO IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOMES**

Do you know where your students are academically? Are your educators in the appropriate position to improve student outcomes? Let's analyze the student, campus and district data to improve student outcomes, identify professional development opportunities and increase learning district-wide.

ROOM 7 *Rodney Lofton STEPTech Technologies* **LESSONS LEARNED FROM COVID: FOCUSING ON NEXT LEVEL SOLUTIONS**

Summary: You will reflect on your role and responsibilities and engage in a dialogue to help you solve operational and managerial leadership concerns in the midst of COVID. We will address such issues as time management, recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers; aligning budget with vision and top priorities; monitoring professional development with student performance indicators; ensuring schools are safe and secure; socio-emotional and cognitive skills and keeping pace with evolving technology. More importantly, Rodney will introduce you to a new time management and executive functioning tool, Mobile Principal, that allows educators to submit digital behavioral information through an electronic device.

ROOM 11 *Andress Carter Sims* **LEADERSHIP IN OUR NEW NORMAL – LAYING A STRONG FOUNDATION THROUGH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

Research confirms that Professional Learning Communities (PLC) are a major catalyst for building teacher capacity and enhancing student achievement. (Reeves & Dufour, 2018) (Bambrick-Santoyo, 2018). This engaging and interactive session will provide district and school leaders as well as teachers with evidence-based strategies that improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students through the umbrella of a PLC structure. During a time when strategic and systemic accelerated learning is an essential element for positive student outcomes, we want to share how we are leveraging our leadership at the district and school level. Through several key initiatives, we are coupling Needs Assessments, PLCs, and Learning Walks to support teaching and learning.

ROOM 14 *Chandra McPherson* **TAKING OFF THE CAPE**

Self-care and well-being often goes unnoticed with the magnitude of demands placed on staff working within our schools. The role of a helper is no easy task whether a nurse, counselor, social worker, teacher, or an administrator. It's easy to spread yourself thin trying to support as many students as possible. You are often the first person people go to for help because they sense your invisible cape, your willingness to leap whatever obstacle you are facing to offer solutions, comfort, or just a shoulder to cry on. In this session participants will identify effective boundary setting tools. List tools to assist in maintaining their passion for student health and those you serve. Describe actions that drain or distract from maintaining your personal mental health while providing services.

Saturday Breakout Session Summaries

11:05-11:55 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ROOM 4 *Jamie Brown*

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING – SEL INTERVENTION STRATEGIES PROMOTING WHOLE CHILD, WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITIES

Participants will engage in turnkey SEL strategies that revitalize the Culture and Climate of a district while navigating through a Global Pandemic. Experience how to promote an inclusive lifestyle (culture) where staff and students feel relevant and celebrated each day. Experience hands-on SEL and Character Education Strategies that model Whole Child Development to ensure every child, and instructional leader's, voice is being both heard and understood in school. Learn how to create a mood (climate) where staff and students want to be as opposed to have to.

ROOM 6 *Tawio Barksdale*

INSTRUCTIONAL AND PARENTAL COMMUNICATION IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT – THE PEDAGOGY OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT- PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Equipping students with academic standards is essential for their transition into the workforce. However, in the new normal, educators cannot become so consumed with teaching state standards and achieving higher test scores that we overlook the importance of meeting the essential needs of people- social emotional needs of feeling valued and appreciated and included (belonging). This requires us to evaluate policies and procedures through a bias free lens of equity and inclusiveness. The session provides research, resources, as well as engages participants in reflective collaboration about district/school/ classroom policies and procedures to ensure they promote objective "Stakeholder Engagement" Focus.

ROOM 7 *Andrea Lance*

BRIDGING THE GAP – USING DISCOVERY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE AND THE INSTRUCTION HUB TO INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The South Carolina Department of Education's Instruction Hub provides all South Carolina teachers FREE access to Discovery Education resources. Discovery Education has educator resources that can be used to help new teachers as they plan lessons and develop as an educator. Discovery Education provides easy to use research-based instructional strategies to help educators reinforce standard aligned topics, skills, and concepts. These resources will not only save your new teachers time, but will lead them on a path to become effective instructional leaders in your school.

ROOM 8 *Shari Revels-Davis*

LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM – SPEAK YOUR LEGACY

Learn how to utilize spoken word and audio ethnographies to quickly identify a student's status mentally, emotionally, and physically. Using these techniques each quarter will also help students see their growth in not only their education but within their personal lives as well. Participants will walk away with resources to implement these workshops immediately.

ROOM 9 *Chris Dinkins*

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS – THE POWER OF THE PIVOT IN CTE

Shift Happens! Are our CTE students ready for tomorrow? Or, are we still preparing them for the yesterday's jobs? How can our CTE programs prepare for the shift without losing focus or drifting with the wind?

ROOM 10 *Dr. Iris Garner*

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY AND PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE GREATER COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

The goal of this engaging session, Leveraging Technologies and Partnerships to Promote Greater College and Career Readiness, is for the participants to gain insights on 1) research-based strategies for leveraging technologies across disciplines, 2) the benefits of building relationships across industries, and 3) a free student-centric readiness toolkit. The participants can expect this experience to be collaborative, thought-proving, and interactive while exploring tools to increase college and career readiness and pathways for collaboration, innovation, and exploration. The powerful insights, effective strategies, and tactical readiness tools will collectively bridge access and information gaps and create an engaged community authentically.

ROOM 11 *Leroy Dinkins*

SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 – CAN WE JUST TALK

There is much to be said about the value of old fashion conversation. With most of us if we think for a minute we do not find ourselves talking to each other anymore. Yes, we do communicate with each other but communicating is not always equivalent to talking. During this presentation I would like to have a brief conversation reminding us to remember to take time to talk to each other.

ROOM 12 *Michele English-Watson and Kara Lewis*

ADJUSTING TO THE NEW NORMAL

We will explore options of reengaging students with high intensity tutoring supports for your schools as well as EPIC Summer Programs. Accelerate learning with high dosage personalized tutoring, technology-assisted progress tracking including data reporting and engaging hands on content designed to address the whole child. Summer programs are embedded with Social Emotional Learning, Literacy, STEM, Math, 21st Century Learning and innovation skills, and more!

ROOM 13
SC GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

ROOM 14 *Vashaunte Harris*
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES – EQUITY DESIGN LAB

The Equity Design Lab is a safe space for educators at all levels to learn and incorporate the 5 design principles into innovative strategies for uncovering and tackling issues related to diversity, inclusion, access and equity in schools and school systems.

Saturday Breakout Session Summaries

1:05-1:55 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ROOM 4 *Janice Kilburn* **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM IMPROVES SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

Countdown to Kindergarten is an effective kindergarten transition program of First Steps Local Partnerships. Its goals are increasing family awareness of kindergarten expectations, creating positive home-school relationships and ensuring smooth transitions to school. Preliminary results show promising benefits in social and emotional learning, and we now have funding to expand to your school.

ROOM 5 *Becky Dukes* **BALANCING WELL-BEING FOR TEACHERS AND LEADERS**

"There're Not enough Hours in the Day!" "I just can't do one more thing!" How many times have you or your teachers/staff ever said those words? Educator Turnover is at an all-time high and educators are feeling overwhelmed by the weight of the pressures facing our profession. This session will share practical strategies, experience hands-on activities (make and take), and tools that all teachers and leaders can use to help your staff balance well-being and improve overall outlook on their professional and personal lives.

ROOM 6 *Jocelyn Jones* **TECH TOOLS YOU CAN USE FOR BEGINNERS TO COMMUNICATE**

Participants will be introduced to a variety of tech tools such as FlipGrid, WordWall, Quizizz, and more. At the end of this session, participants will leave with engaging technology that they can integrate into their lessons to enhance student learning.

ROOM 7 *Kimberly Hutcherson* **RAISING THE STANDARD OF EQUITY WITH COLLECTIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

The audience will have an opportunity to reflect on their beliefs and practices and identify areas that ensure equity for all students. Beliefs will be considered and shared. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in simulations and reflective dialogue centered on learning conferences, assessments and learning pathways and develop a plan for action on how collective leadership from their level can support teachers and parents to enhance student learning outcomes.

ROOM 8 *Dr. Anthony Broughton* **GETTING LIT FOR LITERACY: CULTIVATING EXCELLENCE THROUGH LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM GRADE K-4**

This highly interactive workshop will explore and demonstrate multi-sensory and culturally responsive approaches to foster literacy across the curriculum. This workshop will also examine authentic assessment options for evaluating student learning outcomes.

ROOM 9 *Dr. Patrice Green* **ALL ABOUT THE SEL: OUR WHOLE CHILD COMMITMENT TO SERVING EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY**

To provide high-quality instruction and engagement to help our students develop 21st century leadership qualities for the future, through the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, in a safe, secure and positive environment, by focusing on six skills empowering our young leaders to grow effectively in: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Conflict Resolution, Collaboration, Communication and in the knowledge of How to Learn.

ROOM 11 *Tacadra Rountree* **INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS THAT SUPPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS**

The presenter will provide insight about inclusive classrooms through the lens of the five senses. This session will provide strategies on creating inclusive classroom environments for all learners. The presenter will discuss how inclusive classrooms impact multilingual learners.

ROOM 13 *i-Ready by Curriculum Associates Presenters Shane Dukes and Jill Brady*

ACCELERATE LEARNING AND GROWTH WITH i-READY

In this session, we'll show how i-Ready can help districts address unfinished learning by pairing i-Ready assessment and instruction. We'll share how educators across the country are using the program to screen students to identify academic needs, design interventions and monitor progress. In addition, we'll offer strategies to pair assessment and instruction on one platform to accelerate and grow students.

ROOM 12 *Dr. Austria Bradley* **GROWTH OVER GAPS: INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP DURING A PANDEMIC**

As Education Leaders, we have the power to empower the people in our building to commit to placing value in our school's culture; take risks, embrace innovation, and place a focus on relationship-building. Participants will walk away with 'use the next day' engaging strategies and ideas implemented by the principals in the middle and high school setting to make dramatic school wide changes which positively impacted student achievement, school climate, and culture while facing declining student enrollment, low and complacent community involvement and district consolidation. Come hear how a phone-a-thon, monthly yard signs, Dungeons and Dragons Club, along with other non-traditional strategies have helped us earn the ultimate reward by having a thriving, values-driven school culture that fosters learning and sustainable success.

ROOM 14 *Caitlin Padgett Letterhead International*

ON THE ROAD TO READING: BRIDGING THE GAP WITH SYSTEMATIC PHONICS

Hear our rural, high poverty school improved reading scores using the science of reading! Join this session to learn how to systematically help students build the skills they need to close the achievement gap through multi-sensory, explicit phonics instruction Multi-year MAP and DRA data will be shared, as well as child-friendly and research-based games and strategies to boost foundational reading skills in your classroom now. Come prepared to dance, sing, play, and imagine as we set off on this journey "On the Road to Reading!"

Saturday Breakout Session Summaries

2:00-2:50 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ROOM 4 *Dr. Yvonne Commodore*
BEYOND RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING
Relationship building is primary when implementing a Social Emotional Learning Program. SEL programs should also integrate research based skill building strategies, ongoing assessments, and mental health services to help students and stakeholders develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and decision making. Presenters will share effective relationship building ideas, engage participants in hands-on research based SEL interventions, give information on how to build SEL community involvement, and share practical ways Florence School District implemented a district-wide roll out of its SEL program and engaging all stakeholders.

ROOM 7 *Cedrick Richie*
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? HOW TO CREATE A BLENDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT USING VIRTUAL RESOURCES
The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced many new challenges. This presentation will help educators develop tools to help build strong academic programs using technology. Educators will explore the best ways to grow in our new normal.

ROOM 9 *Candice Dennis*
BRIDGING THE GAP AND SHAPING FUTURES THROUGH COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
This presentation will highlight the importance of college and career readiness within the middle school setting by utilizing resources that will promote conversations around college and career readiness in all content areas. It will also promote understanding of what college and career readiness should look like in middle schools. This presentation will discuss how college and career readiness can bridge the opportunity, social, and academic achievement gaps while shaping the future for all students.

ROOM 12 *Carlos Grant*
LICENSE TO COACH: IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL WIDE COACHING CYCLES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES
Looking for a way to improve student achievement in your school? Are your teachers frustrated with their current observation feedback? Are you looking to develop a more positive coaching culture in your building? By attending this session, you will discover one school's answer to the questions as well as learn how the administrative team earned their license to coach.

ROOM 5 *Sunny Jordan*
GROW YOUR OWN TEACHERS
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ROOM 8 *Katrina Johnson*
TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURE
Turning Trash Into Treasure represents core values in the lives of children. Peer pressure, kindness, self-love, etc. are elements that often alter a child's ability to rationalize academically, socially and emotionally. Often time children need help with finding their own treasure and appreciate the lessons learned along the way. This session is designed to highlight an educator's ability to reach children where they are socially, emotionally and educationally while bringing self-awareness and discussing coming of age.

ROOM 10 *Craig King*
CREATING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT BASED ON ACCESS AND EQUITY
This session is ideal for educators looking to understand the correlation between the academic mindsets of students and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This session will show educators how to create experiences that lead to the 4 academic mindsets developed by Camille Farrington in her 2013 white paper. This type of belief was the foundation of my classroom and proved to be highly successful in teaching my students. These strategies have been implemented by teachers across the country. Participants will view examples of this engagement in practice and also participate in examples during the session.

ROOM 13 *Johnnie Miller*
LEADERSHIP IN OUR NEW NORMAL – LEAD WITH A FLEX: SHOWING VS TELLING
This presentation is designed to assist leaders with reflecting on their knowledge skills, expertise, versatility and fortitude in order to demonstrate teaching and learning expectations to staff through a "show" not "just tell" model.

ROOM 6 *Captain Barrington Irving*
STEM+ WITH FLYING CLASSROOM
Join Captain Barrington Irving, the youngest at the time and first black man to fly around the world solo, and the Flying Classroom team. We will take you on a journey around the world as we host an engaging break-out session that explores STEM+ and project-based learning for participants. Together, we will investigate what it means to (re) inspire, (re) engage, and facilitate students' during school, after school, and summer learning ventures through expeditionary, immersive, and real-world STEM+ experiences. Imagine a dynamic encounter where your students could dissect a cow's eyeball with the Flying Eye Hospital, merging the disciplines of technology, earth science, and integrating empathy, all in one expedition. Flying Classroom offers over 70 expeditions students can explore. By engaging in the engineering and design process participants will experience STEM classroom practices, literacy integration, and leave with different implementation strategies.

ROOM 11 *Dr. Sheka Houston*
SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19
This session will provide strategies to attendees who are seeking solutions for serving exceptional children during COVID-19. Attendees will learn how to develop contingency plans and put the best practices in place for students. Dr. Sheka Houston will share how, as the Director of Secondary Interventions, she works with the MTSS Team and Special Services to ensure students are not overly identified from not receiving appropriate interventions.

ROOM 14 *Venola Mason*
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DEVELOPING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS THROUGH POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
Research shows that teachers have the biggest impact on student achievement. Relationships are the foundation for the development of the cognitive, social, and emotional skills and competencies that students need to be successful within the classroom and beyond. This session is designed to help educators understand the critical nature of these relationships and the impact they have on student learning. Participants will leave the session with:
• A deeper understanding of the science and practice of social and emotional learning.
• Practical tips to establish and maintain relationships with students.
• Strategies to cultivate a sense of belonging within the classroom and among students.

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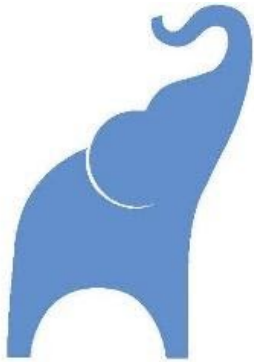
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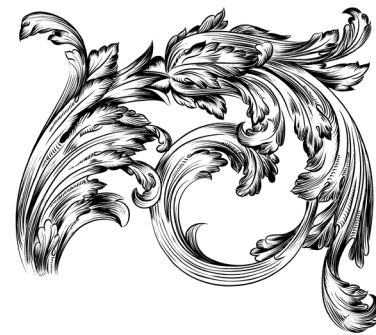
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