

RESOLUTION



Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees Resolution

June 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees members take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, effective governance of local school districts is the cornerstone of sound local government;

WHEREAS, attracting and retaining committed, passionate citizens to serve on local school boards helps ensure good governance;

WHEREAS, access to health care and retirement benefits afforded to other local elected and public leaders would be a fair and appropriate incentive, given many school districts' difficulty in providing otherwise just compensation;

WHEREAS, our state recognizes local school boards' eligibility to participate in the employee retirement program, yet does not provide school boards with health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, PEBA Health Insurance coverage is granted to all other local elected officials, including city and county council members, fire and police departments, and various governmental boards, commissions and public service districts.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the members of the Board of Trustees of Greenville County Schools calls on the South Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation that allows local school districts to opt in to PEBA Health Insurance coverage for school board members, ensuring equal benefits across the board for all local government leaders in South Carolina.