



## GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES LEGISLATIVE STATEMENTS, 2012

We, the Board of Trustees of Greenville County Schools, as advocates for our schools and the students and families they serve, assert the following positions:

Support public education funding reform which makes funding fair, stable, flexible, and distributed under a methodology which is easily understood by the public.

Support comprehensive tax reform and urge the state General Assembly to closely review each of the recommendations of the legislatively enacted South Carolina Realignment Commission (TRAC). The current tax structure in South Carolina is unfair, unstable and unsustainable.

Support legislation which gives local school districts the greatest flexibility in order to encourage innovation and reflect community standards.

Support the comprehensive study of South Carolina's current school bus transportation system and improvements to it which will ensure that children are transported in a safe and efficient manner. The current system is antiquated and inefficient.

Support state funding of transportation for students who attend district-sponsored choice programs as well as for students who are currently denied transportation due to residence proximity, which is unreasonably long, and has unsafe walking conditions. The State should encourage district-sponsored choice for all students by providing transportation.

Oppose any legislation which is an unfunded or under-funded mandate. Just as the federal government should not pass unfunded or under-funded mandates to the states, the state government should not pass unfunded or under-funded mandates to the school district.

Oppose the practice of passing legislation which will be enacted when funding becomes available. Legislation should be passed only when funds are appropriated to implement it. This imprudent practice leads to confusion for local entities, misleads our citizens and fails to set realistic priorities for our state.

Oppose legislation which erodes local control. Government works best that is closest to the people it serves.

**These positions, adopted February 22, 2011.  
These positions, reaffirmed October 25, 2011.**

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