



## South Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members

# Memo

**To:** SCCBSBM  
**From:** Melvin Stroble, President  
**Date:** November 7, 2024  
**Re:** Post 2024 General Election Message

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As we begin a new chapter in public education following the 2024 general election, I am writing to extend a warm welcome to our newly elected school board members and to express our deepest gratitude to those who have formerly served us.

To all newly elected school board members across South Carolina: Congratulations on your election to your local school board. This achievement reflects both your commitment to educational excellence and your community's confidence in your leadership. We invite you to join the South Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members. Our Caucus provides a platform for school board members to actively participate in statewide dialogue on educational issues and concerns focused on the full growth and development of Black and other minority children. We serve as an advisory board on matters relating to issues of concern to Blacks serving on local boards, and we work to strengthen relationships between Black school board members, their local communities, local school boards, and our state and national associations. Importantly, we provide a statewide forum to address the unique challenges faced by underserved and marginalized students throughout our state. Each year, we demonstrate our commitment to educational advancement by awarding scholarships to deserving high school students pursuing higher education. Your perspective and leadership are needed as we work together to strengthen public education in South Carolina.

To our former Caucus members: Your service has left an indelible mark on our schools and communities. Through your leadership, dedication, and unwavering advocacy for quality education, you have helped shape the future of countless students. Your contributions to the Caucus have strengthened our organization and created a foundation upon which we continue to build. We invite you to maintain your connection with our organization by becoming Associate Members. Your experience, wisdom, and continued support remain invaluable to our mission. Through associate

membership, you can continue to mentor new board members, provide historical perspective on educational issues, and help shape the future of public education in South Carolina.

As we navigate the current challenges facing public education, I want to acknowledge the unprecedented pressures and scrutiny our school systems face. From debates about curriculum and funding to questions about governance and policy, the landscape of public education is increasingly complex. However, it is precisely during these times of uncertainty that our unity and purpose become most critical.

Remember that our mission—to ensure every child receives a quality education—remains unchanged. Our collective voice, informed by both experience and innovation, is more important than ever. The Caucus stands as a testament to the power of collaborative leadership and shared commitment to educational excellence.

Let us draw strength from each other as we:

- Champion equity and excellence in our schools
- Advocate for policies that support student achievement
- Share best practices and innovative solutions
- Build bridges between our schools and communities
- Mentor the next generation of educational leaders

In closing, I want to reaffirm that the Caucus remains a steadfast resource for all our members. Whether you are just beginning your service or continuing your journey in educational leadership, we are here to support you. Together, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of South Carolina's students.

With sincere appreciation and optimism for our future,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Melvin M. Stottle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.