37th ANNUAL SCACS COLUMBIA CONFERENCE & LEGISLATIVE EVENT Senate's End, 300 Senate Street, Columbia, SC

Columbia, SC 29201

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

It's hard to believe! The upcoming conference will be 37 years in a row that SCACS has hosted this event. This annual conference is for Pastors, Administrators, and Board Members of all Christian schools, members and non-members, and students. It is also for Directors of Church Child Care Centers. The Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 12:30 pm; a buffet breakfast will be served. The conference will be jam-packed, providing you with pertinent information on a variety of issues. Chad Connelly, from RNC; Paul Smith, Citizen Impact USA; and other elected officials and state employees will be present to speak to us.

<u>Member schools may each bring up to eight students (Juniors or Seniors only)</u>. While we are sorry to have to limit the number of students, space limitations dictate in this matter. Let me encourage each school to bring students; it is an opportunity to expose our governmental leaders to what we are all about—our students. It is also an opportunity to foster an interest and sense of responsibility in our students who will be the next generation of Christian leaders in South Carolina. Students are given an opportunity to enjoy an exciting and informative tour of the Capitol and ground led by Chad Connelly. Your students will never forget this energy-packed two-hour event.

You will note that we will follow a similar format to last year. We are using a different venue this year that should provide easier access and adequate parking. Students will travel by bus to and from the tour; however, the tour will include both indoor and outdoor activities.

The annual SCACS business meeting will be included in our conference. The meeting will include many items that are necessary for the ongoing operation of our association, including an update on *Exceptional SC*-tax credit scholarships and parental tax credits—and the election of SCACS board members. Each school should have received a proposed list of nominees in December.

It is vital that you take part in this business meeting and conference. This is your organization and we need your participation. Every SCACS member school is asked to have a representative in attendance. Please do not put this invitation on the back burner. This is an extremely important conference. We begin a new legislative session this year; that means that there are many new legislators and senators that we need to get to know.

Our conference is scheduled to finish by 12:30 p.m. Our finish time is designed to allow you to schedule an appointment with your state senator and/or legislator(s). The impact of your young people meeting these lawmakers cannot be overstated. You should be able to schedule appointments beginning at 1:30 p.m.

<u>A registration form is enclosed.</u> Please complete and return to the SCACS office on or before Monday, January 23rd. Follow SCACS on Twitter @SCACS67 Use #ColConf17 for pictures and comments

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SCHOOL or CENTER NAME		
ADDRESS	PHONE	
CITY	ZIP	
EMAIL		
Name of School Representative (cost included in SCA		
List <u>additional</u> Pastors, Administrators, Directors, & Board Members below and on reverse if necessary.	List Student Names below (only 8 – Juniors or Seniors)	
Number attending conference		· · · ·
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