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## Moving the Literacy Needle in South Carolina: A Community Conversation about Read to Succeed

An event organized by The Institute for Child Success and Public Education Partners

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
The Children's Museum of the Upstate  
Greenville, South Carolina  
4:30-6:00pm  
Reception to follow, 6:00-7:00pm

### Agenda:

#### 4:30 - Welcome and Introductions

- Michelle Shain, Interim CEO, The Children's Museum of the Upstate
- Derek Lewis, Executive Director, Greenville County First Steps
- Jamie Moon, President, Institute for Child Success

#### 4:45 - Overview of Read to Succeed Legislation

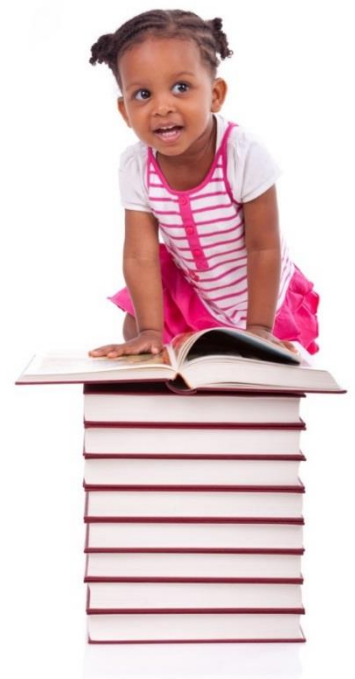
- Lindsey Jacobs, Policy and Advocacy Director, Public Education Partners

#### 4:55 - Panel Discussion, Q&A

- Ansel Sanders, President & CEO, Public Education Partners
- Ron Fairchild, GLR Support Center Director, Campaign for Grade Level Reading
- Melanie Barton, Executive Director, South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC)
- Jeff McCoy, Associate Superintendent for Academics, Greenville County Schools

#### 6:00 – Closing Remarks; Reception to Follow

- Jamie Moon, President, Institute for Child Success



The Institute for Child Success and Public Education Partners thank tonight's sponsor, Greenville County First Steps, and host, The Children's Museum of the Upstate.

## **PANELISTS:**

**Melanie D. Barton** is Executive Director for the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC). Barton has been with the EOC since 2001. Her work on the staff began when she worked part-time staffing the Parent Involvement Subcommittee and advising the EOC on spending recommendations for Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds. She assisted in the design of the EOC funding model and served on the evaluation team for the full-day 4K program. After graduating from Furman University in 1984, Melanie received a master's degree in public policy analysis from Duke University. She worked for six years as a research analyst with the Senate Education Committee and the Office of Senate Research. She and her husband live in Northeast Columbia. They have a son and daughter-in-law who live in Birmingham, Alabama and a daughter in Charleston.



**Ron Fairchild** serves as the director of the Support Center for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, which functions as a hub for peer exchange, a broker of tools and technical assistance, and an accelerator of the scope and pace of change in the more than 300 communities in 44 states currently involved in the Campaign. Ron fulfills this role while also serving as President and CEO of the Smarter Learning Group, a national consulting firm focused on helping education-related organizations achieve better results, build stronger partnerships, and attract more investment. Prior to launching the firm in 2011, Ron served as the founding CEO of the National Summer Learning Association and the executive director of its predecessor organization, the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University.



**Jeff McCoy** currently serves Greenville County Schools as the Associate Superintendent of Academics for Greenville County Schools. Jeff oversees the Offices of Academic Support, Academic Innovation and Technology, Accountability and Quality Assurance, Career and Technical Education and Early Childhood Education. Prior to assuming the Associate Superintendent role, Jeff held various district leadership positions and is proud to be starting his 19<sup>th</sup> year with Greenville County Schools. Jeff is active both state and nationally on multiple advisory boards including the National K12 Congress Advisory Board, National Chief Academic Officers Working Group and The Children's Museum of the Upstate Board of Directors to name a few. He and three of his colleagues recently published a series Blueprints on Personalized Learning and cybersecurity. He presents frequently around the country on the topics of personalized learning, innovation in education and systems level change and support.

