

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2001-2002 Objectives

1. Continue the implementation of the Education Accountability Act, reaffirming the time line outlined in the 1998 legislation.
2. Persuade others to work toward our shared vision, including the promotion of a common agenda with the Governor, the State Superintendent, the State Board of Education, the minority community, parents and other civic and professional leaders. Enlist them to incorporate the principles of heightened awareness of the importance of educational achievement, the use of evidence in decision-making, and demonstrated accomplishments to encourage investment in education.
3. Continue to implement a proactive public relations effort to develop broad support for educational achievements and to provide information on all EAA issues through education and engagement.
4. Support intervention measures with sufficient resources to meet the goals of our accountability system, and provide evaluative information on the current or proposed approaches and advocate sufficient funding so that all students achieve at high levels.
5. Recommend changes in education appropriations and governance to ensure maximum impact.
6. Cooperate with other state agencies to build data base and information systems to allow for informed decisions from the State House to the classroom.
7. Study organizational structures for school districts to identify relationships among student achievement and fiscal efficiency, including size, cooperative structures, local fiscal effort and state funding. The study also should examine benefits and opportunities for P-16 cooperation.
8. Affirm our commitment to quality teaching of the standards in every classroom through provision of professional development and adequate instructional resources.