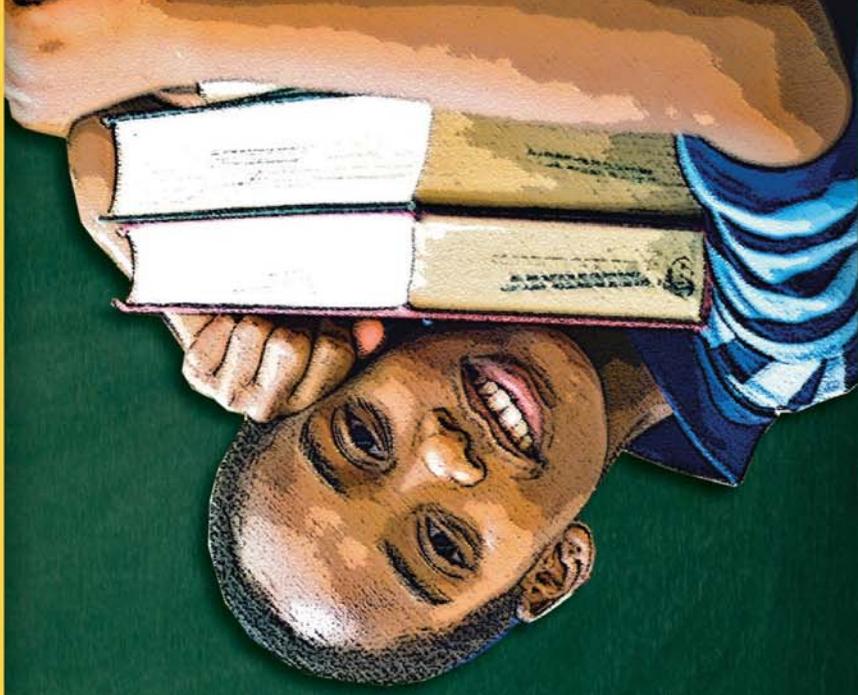


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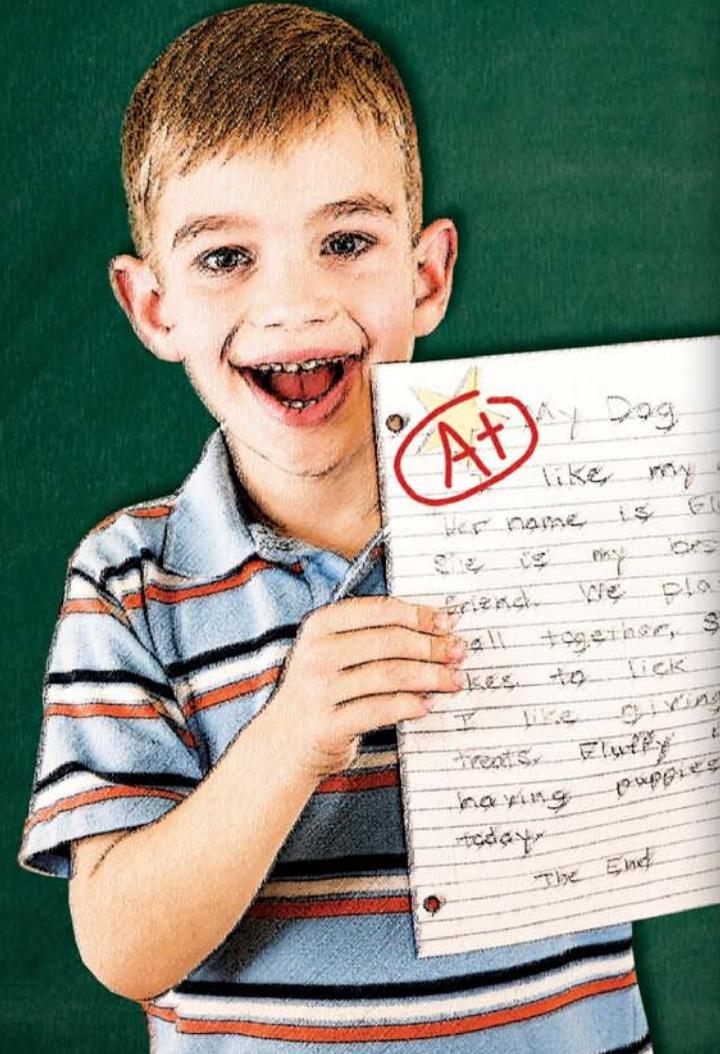
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SC EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Reporting facts. Measuring change. Promoting progress.



The South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC)

is an independent, nonpartisan group made up of 18 educators, business people, and elected officials who have been appointed by the legislature and governor.

What do we do?

The EOC is charged with encouraging continuous improvement in SC public schools, approving academic content standards and assessments, and establishing the state's educational accountability system.

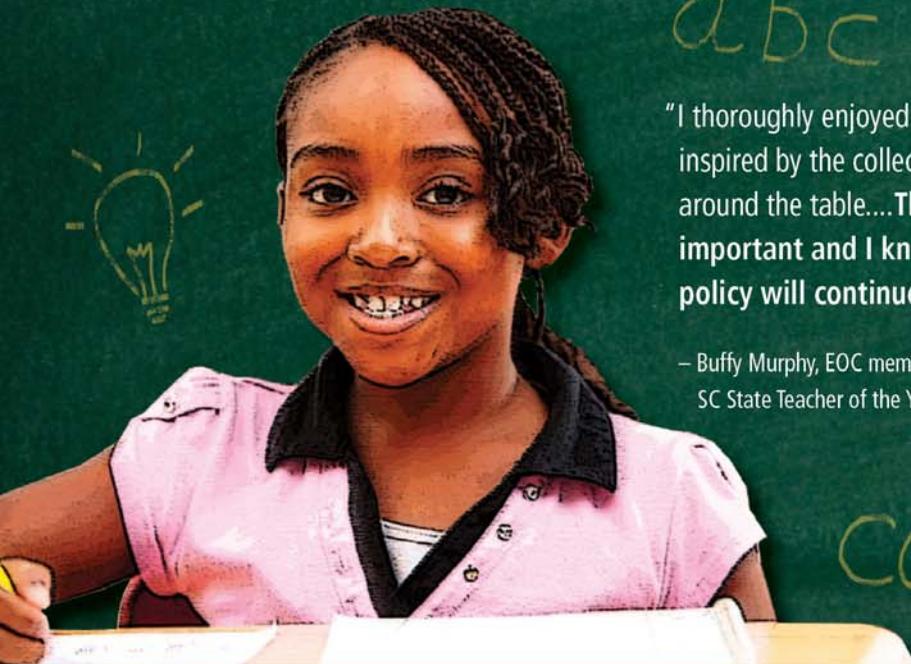
The issues aren't easy, and the EOC asks the uncomfortable questions. Our job is not to please; it is to promote high achievement.

In fiscal year 2009-10, the EOC engaged 400 individuals around the state and nation in the accomplishment of its work.

In January 2010, the 14th annual report card on the state of school reform nationwide, *Quality Counts*, was released. SC earned a perfect score of 100 for standards and school accountability.

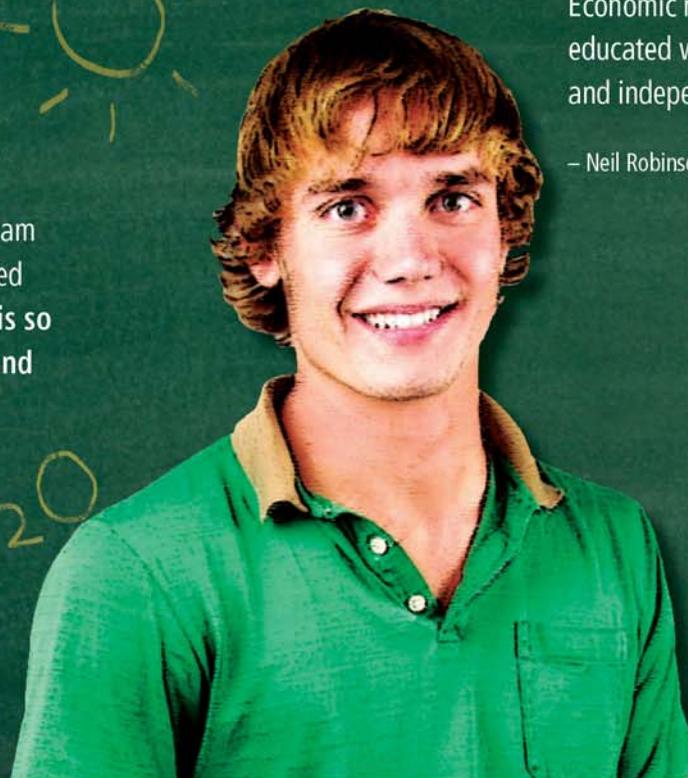
"The goal of education is the transformation of South Carolina's children. Education must help students explore things they enjoy doing and then give students the tools for doing them to their fullest potential. **It is the responsibility of everyone involved in education to open doors of discovery, where children learn something they love doing and doing it well.** Imagine how this could renew our society and our economy."

– Mike Brenan, President of South Carolina BB&T; EOC Member 2007-2010



"I thoroughly enjoyed my work on EOC and am inspired by the collective voice that gathered around the table....**The work of the EOC is so important and I know great dialogue and policy will continue to take place.**"

– Buffy Murphy, EOC member, 2006-2010;
SC State Teacher of the Year, 2006-2007



"Although we face economic challenges, we **owe it to the young people of this state to dig in and work together** toward realizing a vision for this state by 2020. Economic recovery depends upon a strong, educated workforce that is self-sufficient and independent."

– Neil Robinson, EOC Chairman



Reporting Facts

- Provide detailed reports about statewide academic performance to the public.
- Conduct annual review of SC Teacher Loan Program and report findings to the SC Gen. Assembly.
- Publish family-friendly guides to the content standards, in cooperation with the SCDE.
- Analyze results of Parent Survey and issue reports on findings.
- Evaluated CDEPP, determining if the program is addressing school readiness for students at-risk for school failure.
- Initiated first statewide database on four-year-olds.

Promoting Progress

- Focus attention on the effective teaching of reading to young people including linking student performance to instructional strategies and policies, promoting those that are most effective.
- Issue annual budget recommendations to the SC General Assembly.
- Work with communities and outside groups on improving academic achievement.
- Maintain a web-based interactive website for school and district report cards.
- Established student performance levels on PASS.
- Established methodology and criteria for the school and district report card ratings.
- Adopted the Common Core Standards after hours of discussion and thoughtful consideration.

Measuring Change

- Establish statewide education goals and provide annual updates on progress. The 2020 Vision was replicated in the state's Race to the Top application.
- Review academic content standards in seven-year review cycle.
- Conduct periodic studies of citizens' attitudes toward and aspirations for public education in SC.
- Reviewed and approved Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).
- Conducted an on-going formative evaluation of the Palmetto Priority Schools Intervention.