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TCCC supports SC for Ed protest

Protest scheduled by educator advocacy group on May 1

North Charleston, SC – [Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative](http://TriCountyCradletoCareer.org) (TCCC) fully supports the SC for Ed rally and protest scheduled for May 1 in Columbia as a necessary disruption.

“Inaction by Gov. Henry McMaster and the S.C. Legislature on comprehensive education reform is deeply disappointing and warrants a grassroots response,” TCCC CEO John C. Read said. “We agree with SC for Ed that S.C. teacher pay should move toward the national average on a fixed schedule but with increased accountability for student academic growth.”

In the recently released [Regional Education Report](#), TCCC identified specific recommendations to support the reformation of public education including: the increased use of the School of Choice Law to allow for additional innovative schools, redrawing attendance zones to increase diversity in schools, reforming school funding policies, increasing teacher salaries and providing all families access to quality, affordable pre-school (3K and 4K).

“This spring, there were encouraging signs that education reform was possible. With just days left in this legislative session, it now appears there will be little to no action,” Read said. “This means that necessary changes in education funding and other policies that are at the root of inequity and inequality – changes that will prove highly controversial and potentially divisive – will be left to next year, an election year.”

About Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative

Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) is a community-wide movement in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, South Carolina, focused on improving the quality of life of its citizens and its workforce through education. Using data and focused community collaboration across a continuum from “cradle-to-career,” TCCC serves as a catalyst for widespread, systemic change, with the ultimate goal of increased success and economic prosperity for all.

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