



Barbara B. Hairfield

Barbara B. Hairfield, a curriculum specialist for the Charleston County School District, was appointed to serve as the education representative designated by the President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, Senator Glenn McConnell in 2009 and has been reappointed to serve a second term on the Education Oversight Committee, where she is currently Vice-Chairman, is a member of the Academic Standards and Assessment Sub-committee, and Chairman of the Public Awareness Subcommittee. Hairfield received her B.A. in English and History from Winthrop University and earned her Master's Degrees in Social Studies/History, English, and Secondary Administration from The Citadel. She holds National Board certification in Early Adolescent Social Studies/History and has spent the past twenty one years teaching and working in Charleston County serving in some of the most challenged schools in the state. Prior to her current position as the District Social Studies Curriculum Specialist with the Charleston County School District, Hairfield served has served as a Teacher Specialist for Social Studies and English Language Arts in CCSD and as a Teacher Specialist on-Site for the S.C. State Department of Education. Hairfield has been named Teacher of the Year at Birney Middle School, Charleston County Teacher of the Year, and also as the South Carolina Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Hairfield is a member of the executive board for the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies and also serves on the board of directors for the National Council for the Social Studies. As an advocate for improving literacy in our state, Ms. Hairfield serves on the S.C. State Dept. of Education's Literacy Panel, has been trained as a Literacy Leader, and is currently project manager for a Lowcountry Literacy in the Content Area team (LCAT). She has worked tirelessly on initiatives focused on Teacher Recruitment and Retention on the state and national levels. As part of her goal to improve instruction and learning in South Carolina schools, Hairfield collaborates closely with teacher preparation programs as an NCATE reviewer and as a member of the Professional Education Board at The Citadel. Active in professional organizations on the local, state, and national levels, Hairfield is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Educator Honor Society, the South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education, the South Carolina Middle School Association, the South Carolina Geographic Alliance, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Currently she serves as the Project Director for a Teaching American History grant and as the Congressional District #6 Coordinator for Law-Related Education in South Carolina. She works closely with the S.C. State Department of Education on standards writing and revision, assessment review, and support systems for teachers. "I believe that to have high efficacy inside the classroom, an educator must be involved in educational arenas outside of the classroom in order to understand the many facets that impact quality instruction and learning. If our goal in education is to give students the content knowledge, intellectual skills and civic values they need to fulfill the duties of effective citizenship in society, then I believe that, as educators, we must model those behaviors for our children to emulate. My appointment by Senator Glenn McConnell to the Education Oversight Committee is a wonderful opportunity for me to contribute and to be a part of the process for continuous and sustained improvements in South Carolina's educational system. I am very honored by his confidence in me and excited to contribute during my term of service."