



To: Editor, The Journal

From: Janet Marsh, League of Women Voters Oconee & Pickens Counties

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Information Forum on SC Education Legislation

South Carolina legislators are considering a range of bills seeking to change how teachers and school boards deliver education in the state's public schools. Proposals range from public funding of private schools to approval of instructional materials and books.

Join a public meeting to learn more: Saturday, January 25, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, at Central-Clemson Library Community Room, 105 Commons Way, Central. Josh Malkin, ACLU of SC Advocacy Director, will talk the audience through legislation impacting public education and libraries that has been pre-filed by lawmakers this session. Then hear from members of Community Advocates for Education (CAFE) as they discuss the local impact of the legislation and their advocacy to protect freedom to read and learn. Included in the conversation will be ways you can get involved.

Children spend a large part of their young lives in school, 180 days annually, equivalent to 1,230 hours. Organizers of the event believe we all have a stake in how our leaders legislate the education of our children and that citizens must pay attention.

Co-sponsors of the meeting include: CAFE, League of Women Voters Oconee & Pickens (LWVOP), NAACP Pickens County Branch, NAACP Oconee County Branch, ACLU of SC, E3 Foundation, and ProTruth SC.