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Re: September 5, 2013 FitsNews Post: SOURCES: SLED SITTING ON MAJOR PUBLIC EDUCATION SCANDAL

To Interested Parties:

I have served the people of Jasper County and Senate District 45 honorably for over sixteen years. In that time, I have seen all sorts of political attacks. I understand that this is part of politics and these attacks come with the territory.

But the allegations published in a Columbia-based blog and that are being forwarded around as "truth" need to be addressed. First, these allegations made against me are absolutely and totally false. Second, the publisher of these falsehoods is not a news organization.

FitsNews is owned and managed by a Mr. Will Folks. Mr. Folks is a well-known purveyor of rumors and innuendo within state government. He is not a journalist and does not abide by journalistic standards. He answers to no editors or bosses. Simply put, Mr. Folks lacks credibility.

I have always maintained we need to have the most effective and efficient public education system in our state. The same is especially true for Jasper Schools. We have seen improvement over the years, but we must continue to improve all of our schools. This begins by working together as representatives of the people; School District, School Board, House and Senate Delegation.

I look forward to discussing these matters with anyone in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clementa C. Pinckney".

Clementa C. Pinckney  
Senator. District 45