

November 8, 2021

Dear Valued SCSBA Member:

On Friday, November 5, 2021, the South Carolina School Boards Association Board of Directors held a special called board meeting to receive a briefing, and to consider and review the timeline of events and discuss the resulting impact in our state at-present and in the future in relation to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) September 29 letter.

After careful deliberation, the Board voted to withdraw SCSBA's membership from NSBA effective immediately and request a refund of SCSBA's 2021-2022 membership dues. This decision was not made lightly.

Over the past few weeks, SCSBA leadership has carefully monitored NSBA's actions, advocating and watching for a clear path forward and affirmative steps to address the damage done in relation to NSBA's September 29 letter to President Joe Biden. SCSBA has kept you, our members, informed regarding our ongoing concerns with the September 29 letter. Aside from an October 22 letter of apology to state associations, NSBA has taken few steps to mitigate the negative impact of the letter on many states including South Carolina. On the whole, the Board felt it was in the best interest of SCSBA's membership to sever ties with NSBA at once.

Please know that our separation from NSBA will not have an impact on the state-level services and trainings that you rely on as a school board member. SCSBA's Board and staff will continue to provide first-class offerings with a focus on local control and decision-making.

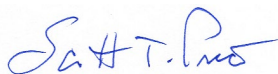
If you have any questions regarding the Board's decision, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your leadership and service as we work together to serve the nearly 800,000 public school children across South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Burgess
SCSBA President



Scott T. Price
Executive Director