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York School District One Participates in District's First Legislative Hill Day

York, SC – On Thursday, January 29, 2026, York School District One's Teacher Forum participated in the district's first Legislative Hill Day event at the South Carolina State House in Columbia. The group used their educator voices to advocate for the profession and the students of South Carolina.

The group was hosted by the Palmetto State Teachers Association and met with Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope (R-York), Representative John King (D- Chester), and Representative Dennis Moss (R-Cherokee) who spent time discussing educational issues and answering questions.

PSTA Director of Governmental Affairs Patrick Kelly shared a Legislative Update focusing on legislation directly affecting school districts across South Carolina. The group was also recognized by the York County Delegation in the House of Representatives.

In the Senate, the group was given a private tour and met with Senator Wes Climer (R-York) and Senator Everette Stubbs (R-York). They were also recognized by the York County Delegation from the floor of the Senate.

Teachers participating:
Jennifer Hill, Tierney Norris, Kayla Ledford, Anna Grice, Samantha McCall, Jaime Benfield, Kelly Tiblier, Angie Covington, Jacob Wyatt, Valerie Wence-Williams, Lexis Spears, Ashley Stowe, Heather Lease, Taylor Greene, Jamie O'Neill, Ashlee Gordon, Monica Thomas, Karrie Sheridan

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About YSD1 Teacher Forum

York School District One's Teacher Forum consists of teachers who have been nominated as their school's Teacher of the Year. These outstanding educators give district administrators valuable input, feedback, and suggestions about proposed policies, academic calendars, budgets, and many other issues and items each year.

The forum meets quarterly, at a minimum, to discuss efforts to better their students, fellow teachers, and the district. These teachers are the eyes and ears of schools across York School District One, and they believe in being "Stronger Together", a direct reflection of the district's motto to be "Connected as ONE".

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