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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

SUMTER SCHOOLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS THOMAS MCELVEEN FOR SENATE DISTRICT 35 – UPCOMING ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Sumter Schools Education Association (SSEA), an affiliate of The South Carolina Education Association (The SCEA) and the National Education Association (NEA), has recommended that the South Carolina Fund for Teachers and Public Education (SCFTPE) endorse Thomas McElveen for Senate District 35.

Paula Woodlief, President of the Sumter Schools Education Association and a teacher at Brewington Academy, said “now more than ever, it is important that we put students at the center of education reform. Thomas McElveen is committed to doing that, so we have recommended that the SCFTPE endorse his candidacy for Senate District 35.”

Woodlief added, “McElveen’s opponent, Tony Barwick, supports vouchers. The SSEA and The SCEA do not believe that taxpayer money should be sent to private schools.”

“Our chapter is here to advocate for our students, educators, and public education in Sumter County” added SSEA President-Elect and teacher at Sumter High School, Luther Barnett. “That’s why we invite all educators, members and non-members, to our next meeting at the Sunset Country Club on September 13 at 4:30 PM. Working together, we can strengthen the voice of Sumter educators and keep quality and experienced teachers in our community. Only then can we truly help our kids achieve their dreams.”