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Mullins McLeod Will Raise Teacher Pay to Over \$85,000

CHARLESTON – Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mullins McLeod proposed increasing teacher pay to between \$86,000 and \$100,000, [a more than \\$20,000 increase](#) that would be funded with the budget surplus that the South Carolina General Assembly has created.

Raising teacher pay statewide would also allow rural counties to attract and retain high quality teachers, resulting in better education outcomes in places that struggle the most.

When implemented, McLeod's proposal will bring teacher pay to the highest in the Southeast.

"If you want success in the private sector, you have to pay for it, and it should be no different in education," **said McLeod**. "We want to attract South Carolina's best to work in our classrooms, but we can't do that if teaching is a minimum wage job."