



Stop “Reforming” Schools, Empower People

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**- But what the teachers are themselves.**







# TIME

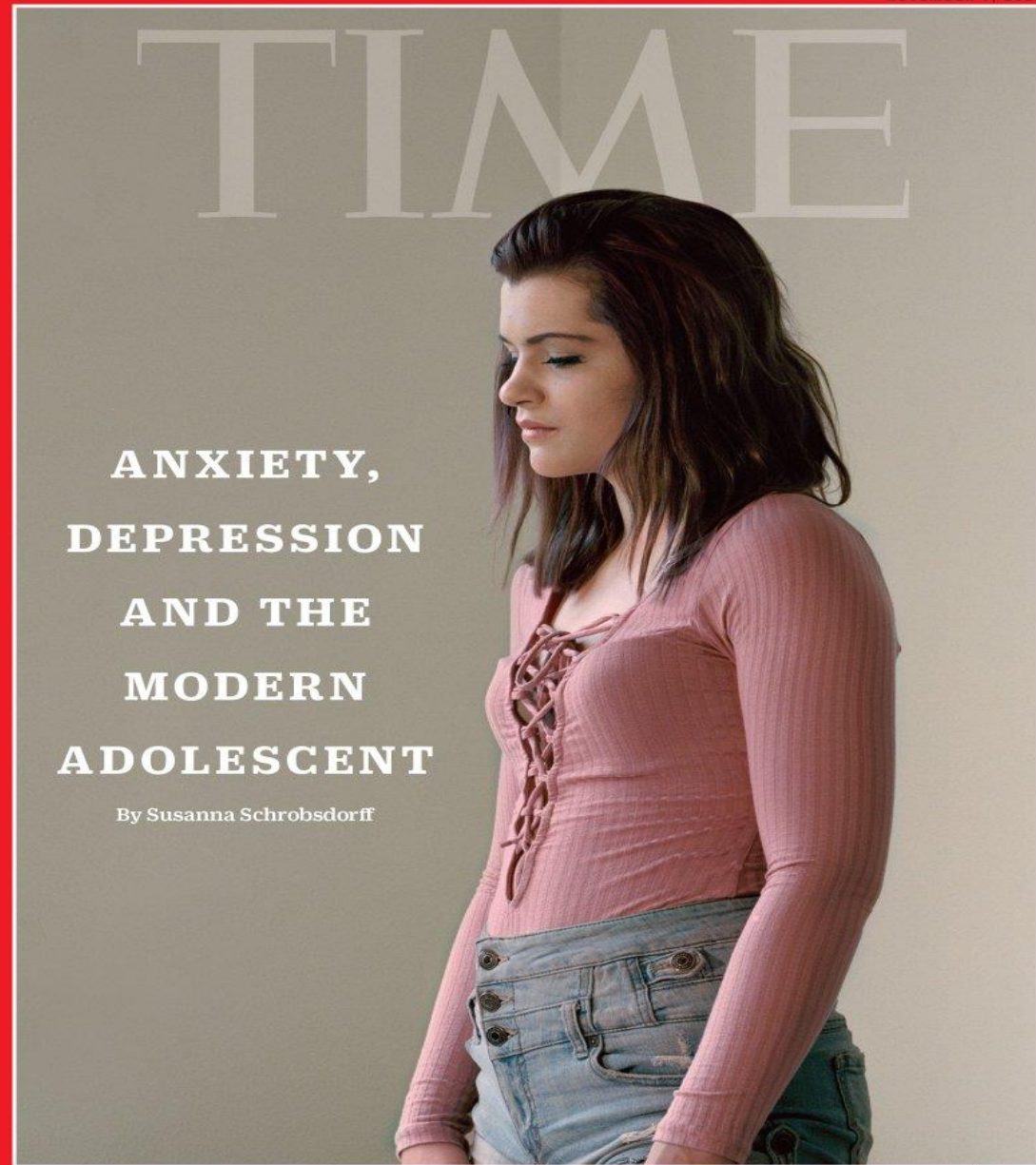


I have a master's degree,  
16 years of experience,  
work two extra jobs  
and donate blood  
plasma to pay the bills.  
**I'm a teacher in America**

by KATIE REILLY

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# TIME



ANXIETY,  
DEPRESSION  
AND THE  
MODERN  
ADOLESCENT

By Susanna Schrobsdorff

**Empowered People,  
Empower People**

# Empowering the Heart

**Why?**





# WHY do we have schools?



“ We Prepare ALL Students For Productive Lives”

# Empowering the Heart

**Why?**

**Hows?**

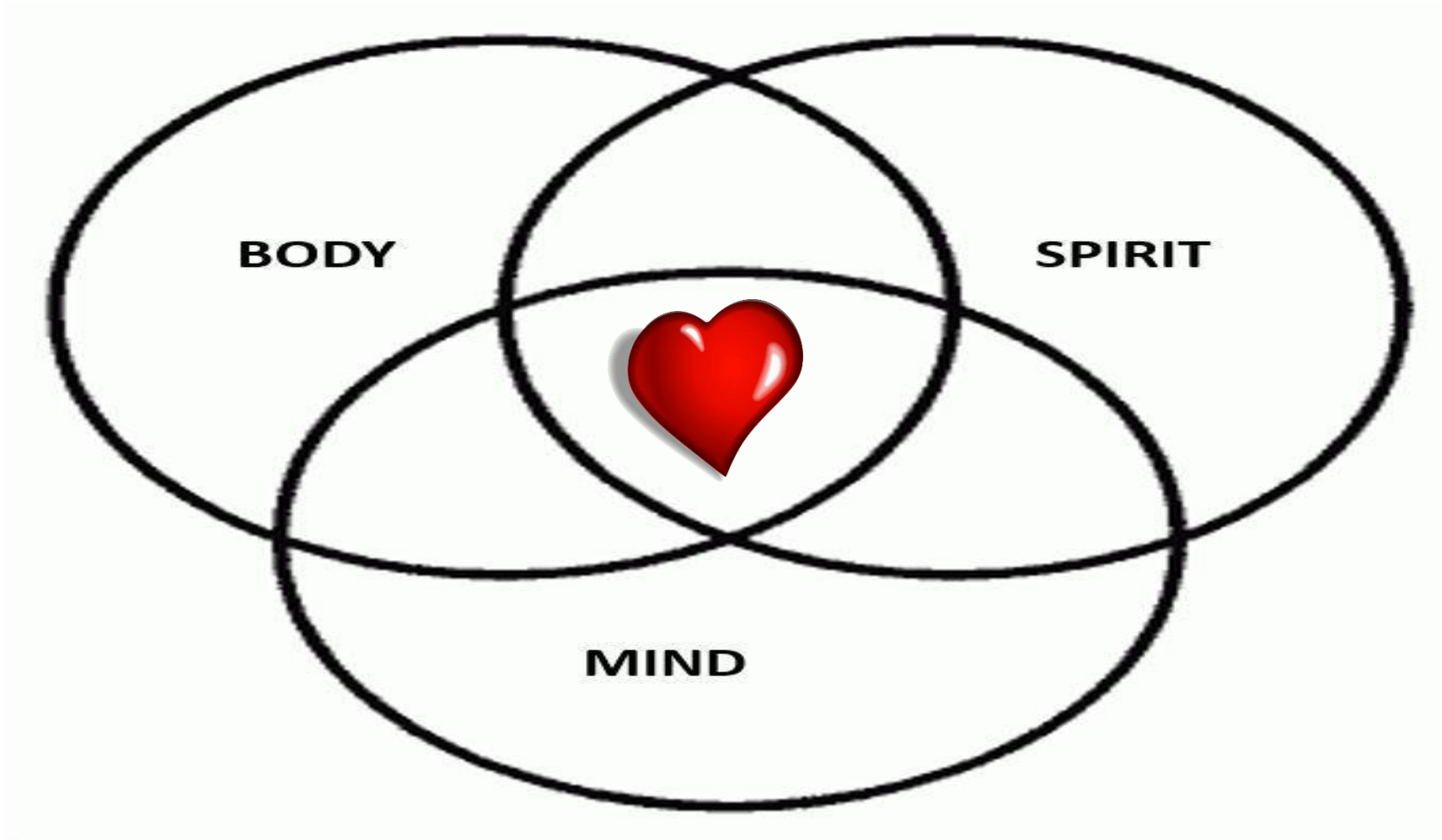




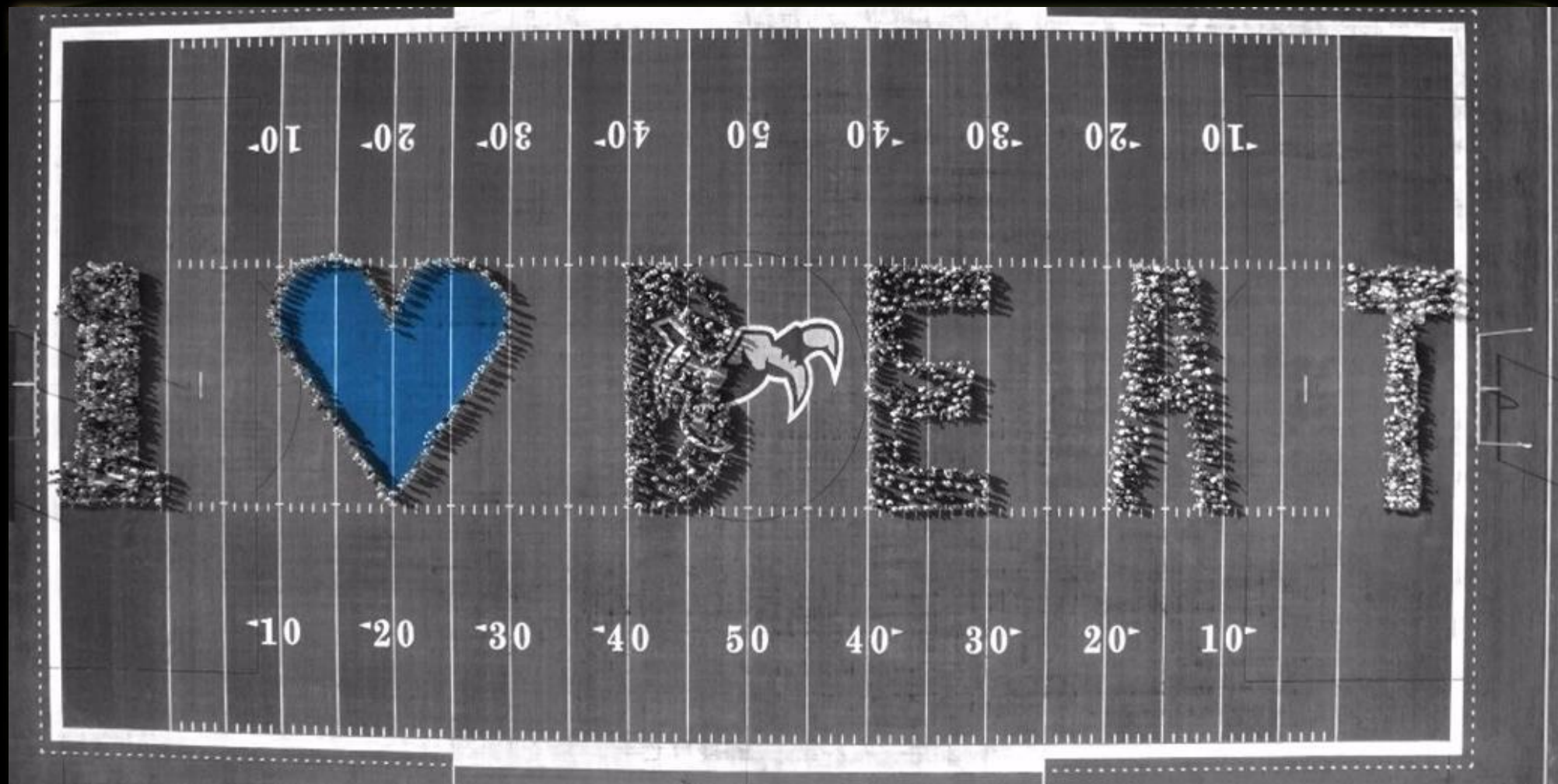
# We are Educators

EDUCARE – “To Train”

EDUCERE – “To Lead Out”



# EDUCATE THE HEART





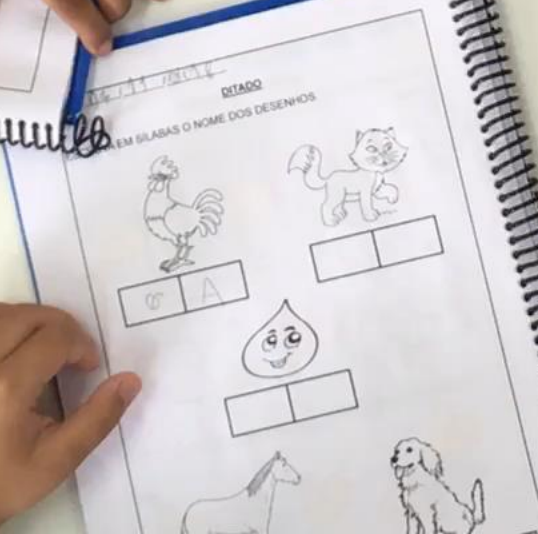
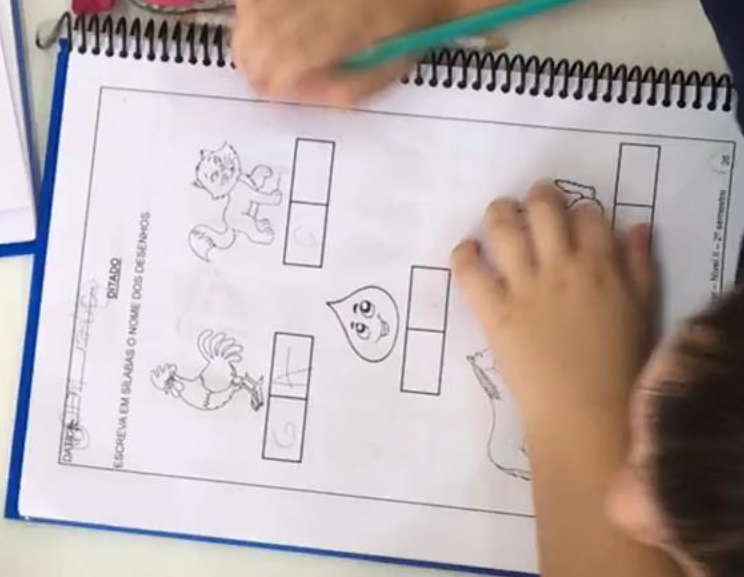
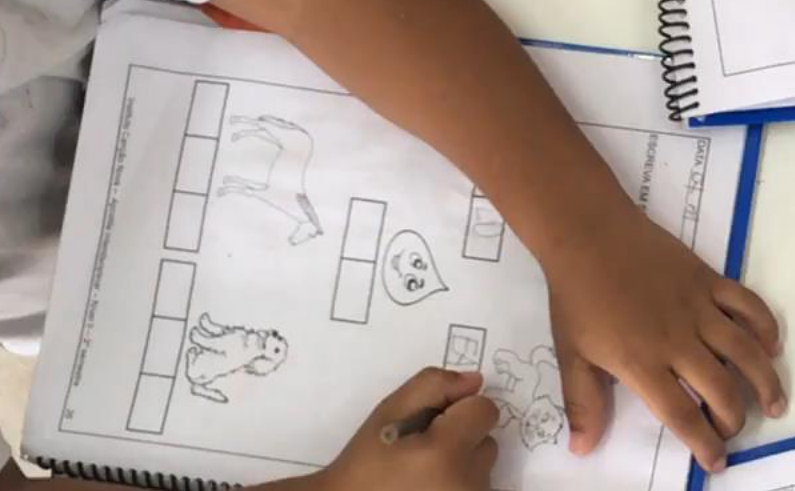
**A ROLE IN THE FAMILY**







**MEASURE WHAT MATTERS**







**DISCIPLINE**





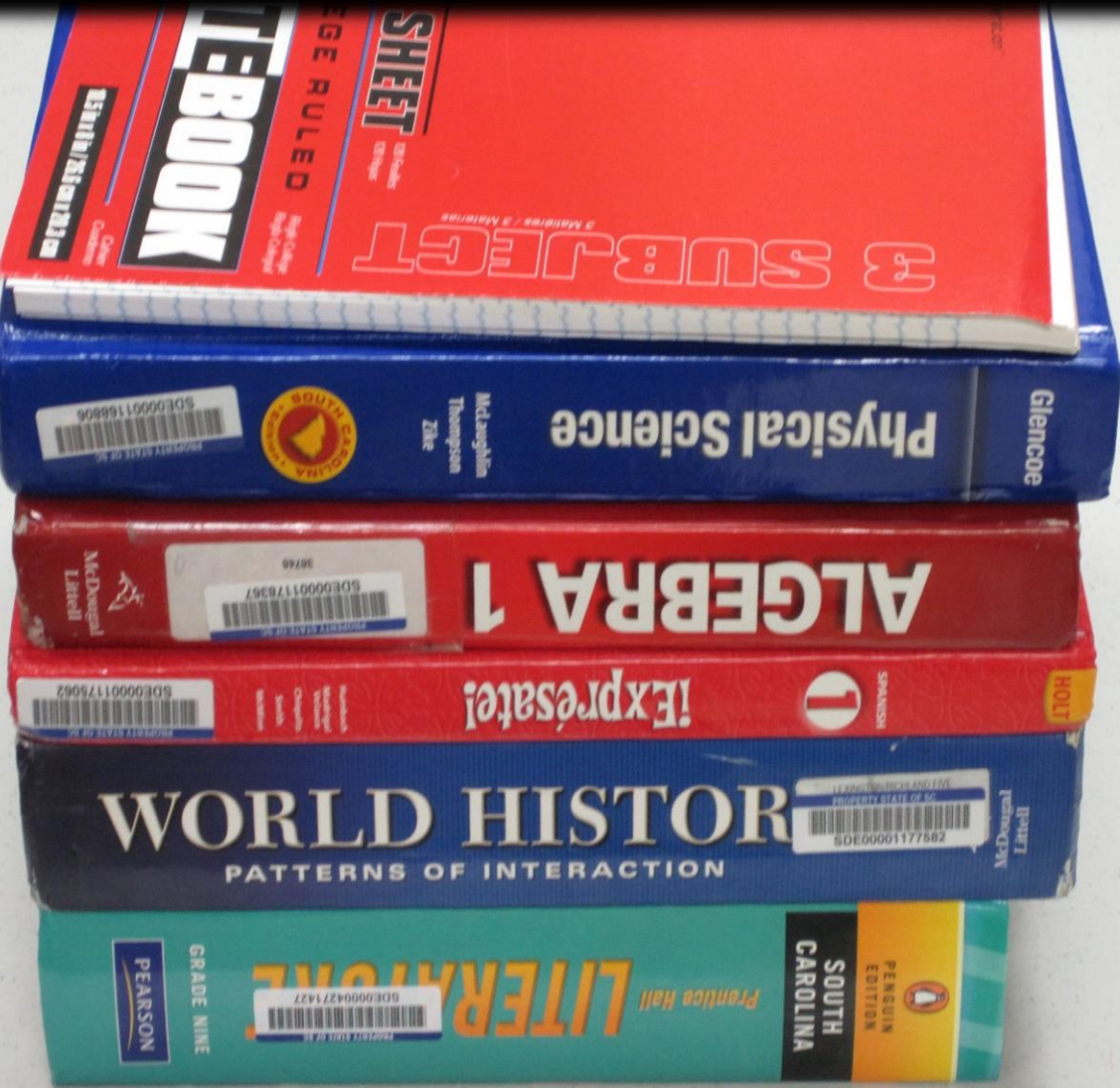
FIRE



Big Joe

Big Joe





Understand (61)

Analyze (42)

Demonstrate (41)

Develop (40)



**LEARN TO F.A.I.L**

**Face Adversity In Life**



# Empowering the Heart

**Why?**



**How's?**



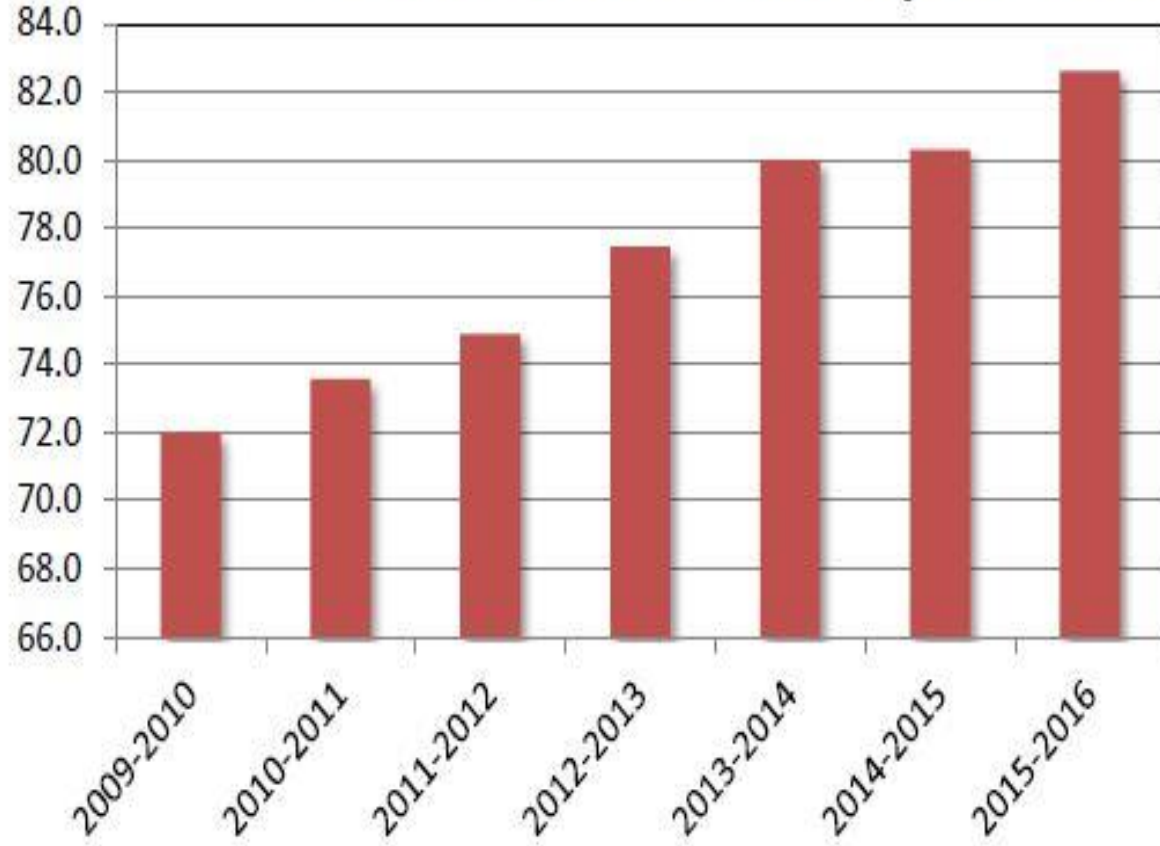
**What?**





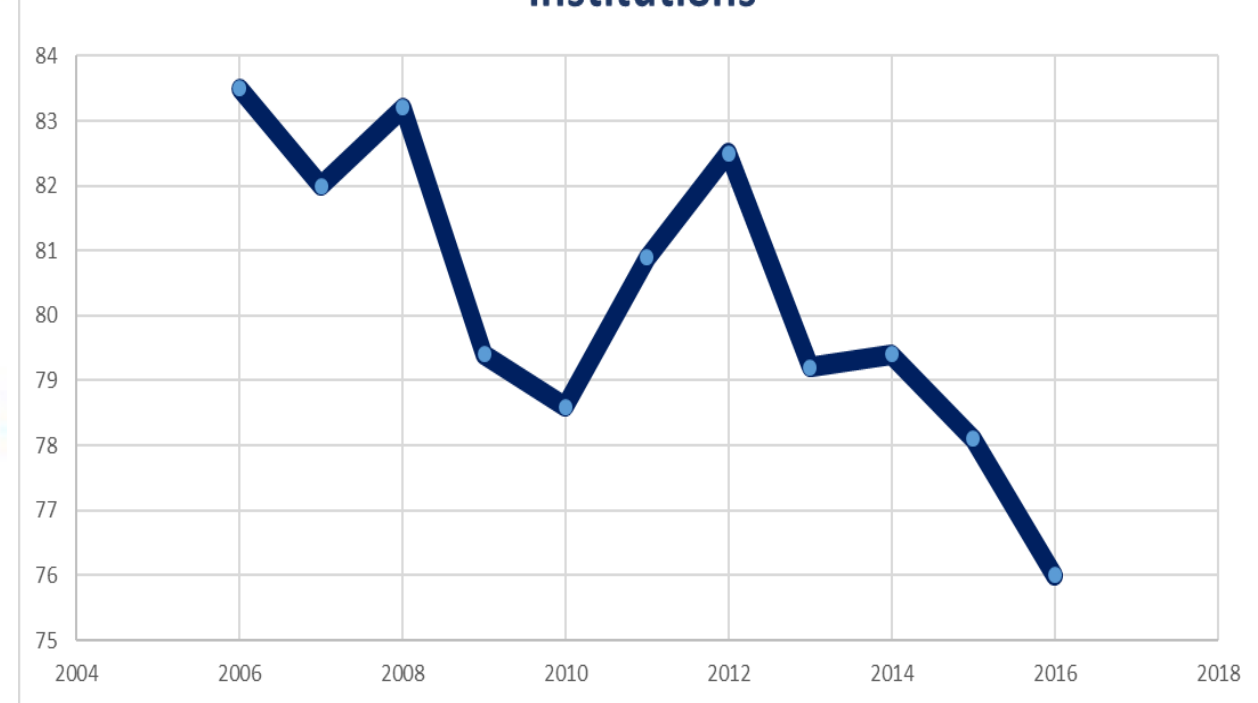
# What is Our Intent?

## SC Statewide Grad Rate by School Year



Source: SC Department of Education, 2017

## % of SC HS Grads Entering Post Secondary Institutions



Source: SC Commission on Higher Education, 2017

**Graduation Rate  
&  
Preparation Rate**



## Watch Chapin principal react to surprise national award announcement

Chapin principal Akil Ross didn't know the assembly at was for him.

By McClatchy

EDUCATION

# He flunked third grade. Now he's the best high school principal in the nation



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LEXINGTON COUNTY, SC — The newly crowned national high school principal of the year — Chapin's Akil Ross — flunked third grade.



He repeated the grade because he was “not up to par” as a student. He also tried to doctor his report card, turning the Fs into As, in an unsuccessful attempt to convince his mother he was a top student. Eventually, he learned that a better way to turn Fs into As was studying



**Why?**

**How?**

**What?**



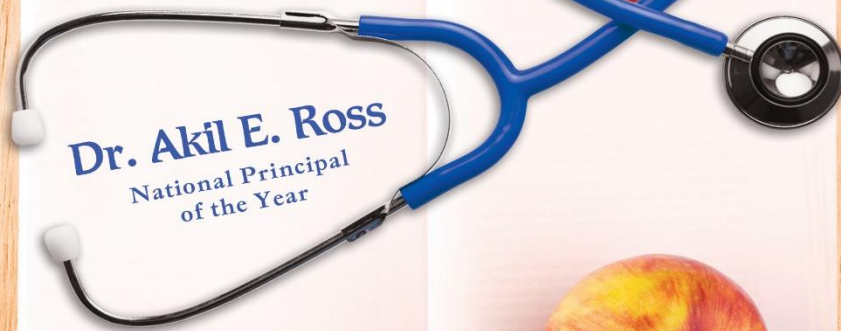
**What Powers You?**





# EMPOWERING

THE



Reviving & Renewing  
Today's Education

$$E = K + G$$

Empowered =  
Know your gift  
+

Give your gift









# BE-EMPOWERED



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**2018 NASSP**  
**National Principal of the Year**  
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