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# Industry Credentials and CATE Completers

- **22,330** certifications in 2017-2018
- **56%** increase in certifications from 2016-2017
- **98%** graduation rate
- **122,400** students have had work-based learning experiences/apprenticeships





# School Transformation

- 50 transformation coaches in 43 CSI schools
- Supporting 121 schools total (CSI & Priority) in funding and PD
- 38 total schools in 2016-2018, 29 left low-performing list
- Brockington Elementary and Hemingway Middle





# Teacher Recruitment and Retention

- Increase salaries by 5%
- More support needed







# School Safety

- SRO's (less than 350 schools without SRO's)
- Mental health resources in every school
- Last of the 1,900 1995/96 school buses have been retired
- 722 old buses remaining





# District Efficiency and Governance

- 13 districts < 1,500 students
- 7 have lost < 40% of student population in 20 years
- State takeovers – results in Allendale, Timmonsville and Williamsburg
- School board ethics legislation





# Shared Services

- Batesburg Leesville & Saluda
- McCormick & Abbeville
- Florence 1, 2, & 4
- Proviso 1.102 Shared Services Agreement Plans





# School Facilities

- Millage – Allendale (19k) vs. Charleston (3.5m)
- Rural School District Economic Development Closing Fund
- School Facility Infrastructure Bank

