



## The Power of Community to Improve Education

### School District and PEP Unveil Joint Plan At Education Summit

After addressing a crowd of well over 2000 of Aiken County public school teachers, personnel and staff, Dr. Ben Carson joined the districts top level administration along with business and civic leaders of the community to unveil the ambitious joint plan of the Aiken County Public School and District and Public Education Partners for the 2008-2009 school year. Three words are the corner stone of the plan: Excite, Explore, Engage.

More Details [www.publicedpartners.org/pdf/ThePlan.pdf](http://www.publicedpartners.org/pdf/ThePlan.pdf)

### Classroom ipods are Distributed to Teachers

The Wireless Touch Project, funded by a \$19,582 grant from the AT&T Foundation to PEP, began on August 13 and 20. More than forty high school teachers across the District received brand new iPod™ Touch units and training by their colleague, Sherry Shipes of South Aiken High. Teachers are eager to impress their students with their new skills and to make their lessons more engaging and relevant.



For More Details [www.publicedpartners.org/ipod.html](http://www.publicedpartners.org/ipod.html)

### Newsletter Spotlight

Mark your calendar to attend to the Aiken County Public School District School Board Candidates Forum on October 06 at the Aiken Community Playhouse. Four of nine seats on the School Board are open for election. The forum is an opportunity for voters to get to know the candidates views on education issues.

### Success of PEP's Annual



Schofield Synergistic Lab

Public Education Partners ambitious goal to raise over \$300,000 in the 2008-2009 school year to achieve the goals of the school district and PEP, can not be accomplished without the help of individual donations. Ten percent of our goal is dependent on individual donations, which amounts to \$30,000. PEP understands that the current economy is challenging for individuals and their families. We ask that individuals consider a \$25.00 donation this year to support the great work we are doing with our public schools. The remainder of funds will be raised through business and industry sponsorships and grant writing efforts. PEP has been in Aiken for 13 years and welcomes your involvement in our grass roots community organization. Please call or come by our office today. An investment in PEP is an investment in your community & your schools and will make a tremendous difference in public education in Aiken County.

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