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Rock Hill Public Charter School Makes Starting Teacher Salary \$40,000

-It's official! York Preparatory Academy the National Blue Ribbon Award winning public charter school located in Rock Hill, confirms the approval of a timely teacher salary and retention package highlighted by a starting salary of \$40,000. The package, #40forall, has been in development for almost a year and also includes salary increases for other teachers along with a retention bonus paid out to the school's dedicated teaching staff upon their return in the fall.

According to Managing Director, Brian Myrup, "Nothing in education has a greater effect on student growth than the teacher in the classroom. Being that York Prep's driving focus is to maximize each individual student's growth as they prepare to succeed in life, we have been looking to make a significant investment into supporting and retaining dedicated teachers who are making that difference every day."

South Carolina teachers and their supporters have been vocal during this legislative session about the need for state leaders to fund changes to a system that has produced the 47th ranked average starting salary in the United States at \$33,148. By ensuring that no full-time certified teacher makes less than \$40,000, York Prep jumps its starting salary above the national average of \$39,249. ¹⁾ "We appreciate the support that we receive from our elected representatives but last summer decided that we needed a plan to put our best foot forward and take action in support of our teachers regardless of what decisions were made in the legislative sessions.", Myrup said.

1) National Education Association, 2018. <http://www.nea.org/home/2017-2018-average-starting-teacher-salary.html>