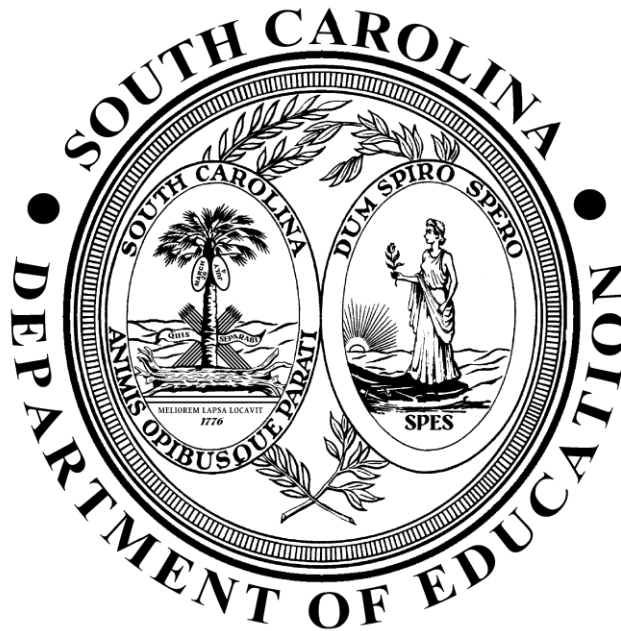


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## Reporting Requirement

This report satisfies requirements of South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59-40-170 as follows:

The Department of Education shall make available, upon request, a list of vacant and unused buildings and vacant and unused portions of buildings that are owned by school districts in this State and that may be suitable for the operation of a charter school. The department shall make the list available to applicants for charter schools and to existing charter schools. The list must include the address of each building, a short description of the building, and the name of the owner of the building. Nothing in this section requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease the building or a portion of the building to a charter school or to any other school or to any other prospective buyer or tenant. However, if a school district declares a building surplus and chooses to sell or lease the building, a charter school's board of directors or a charter committee operating or applying within the district must be given the first refusal to purchase or lease the building under the same or better terms and conditions as it would be offered to the public.

## Methodology

The South Carolina Department of Education conducted a survey of school districts for July through August 2019. For purposes of the survey, a vacant-unused building is defined as any building or portion of a building owned by the school district that is no longer being used for the purpose for which it was intended and/or is vacant. A vacant building is one that has no fixtures, furniture, or occupants. An unused building is one that has fixtures and furniture but is not occupied.

## Summary of Survey Responses

Seventy-nine districts were surveyed<sup>1</sup>. Responses were received from all of them.

The following 52 districts indicated that they did not have any vacant or unused buildings:

Districts		
Abbeville	Aiken	Anderson 1
Anderson 2	Anderson 3	Anderson 4
Anderson 5	Bamberg 1	Bamberg 2
Barnwell 19 (Blackville Hilda)	Barnwell 29 (Williston)	Barnwell 45
Beaufort	Berkeley	Chester
Chesterfield	Clarendon 2	Clarendon 3
Colleton	Darlington	Dillon 3
Dillon 4	Dorchester 2	Dorchester 4
Edgefield	Florence 1	Florence 3
Florence 4	Florence 5	Georgetown
Greenwood 51 (Ware Shoals)	Greenwood 52	Hampton 1
Laurens 56	Lexington 1	Lexington 3

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<sup>1</sup> Orangeburg county school districts consolidated July 1, 2019, and the two charter school districts do not own school buildings.

<b>Districts</b>		
<b>Lexington 4</b>	McCormick	Newberry
<b>Oconee</b>	Orangeburg	Pickens
<b>Richland 1</b>	Richland 2	Saluda
<b>Spartanburg 1</b>	Spartanburg 2	Spartanburg 4
<b>Spartanburg 6</b>	York 1	York 2 (Clover)
<b>York 4 (Fort Mill)</b>		

### **Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings**

Twenty-seven districts indicated they have vacant or unused buildings. The below chart lists these districts and describes the buildings that might be suitable for charter school use.

<b>District</b>	<b>Vacant Facility</b>	<b>Vacated</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Allendale</b>	Allendale Elementary	6/30/2014	4561 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy, Allendale, SC 29810	18.5	Vacant however the facility will be used in the near future
<b>Calhoun</b>	Guinyard Elementary School	6/1/2008	125 Herlong Ave. St. Matthews SC 29135	2.0	A portion of the old Guinyard School was turned into the district office. We have a wing that was left unoccupied that is now being used for storage.
<b>Charleston</b>	McClellanville Middle	6/1/2009	711 Pinckney Street, McClellanville, SC 29458	4.6	As noted in the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide, section 110.3, this facility has been out of use for more than one year and, "must be brought up to code as a new building," before it can be reoccupied.
	Charlestowne Academy	6/5/2009	5841 Rivers Avenue, Charleston, SC 29406	4.0	All copper-based components (power and water distribution) have been removed from the building and the building is uninhabitable. There are no paved surfaces on the campus. As noted in the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide, section 110.3, this facility has been out of use for more than one year and must be brought up to code as a new building before it can be reoccupied. Because of the building condition,

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					renovation for use as a school is not economically feasible.
	Archer Elementary	6/5/2010	220 Nassau St., Charleston, SC 29403	1.6	The building has significant seismic deficiencies that were identified in a March 2010 report, that make it unsuitable for students and staff to be in the building if an earthquake were to occur. As noted in the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide, section 110.3, this facility has been out of use for more than one year and must be brought up to code as a new building before it can be reoccupied. Because of the building condition, renovation for use as a school is not economically feasible.
<b>Cherokee</b>	Granard Middle School	6/30/2019	815 West Rutledge Ave, Gaffney 29341	28.4	
	Cherokee Technology Center	6/30/2018	3206 Cherokee Avenue, Gaffney 29340	42.0	
<b>Clarendon 1</b>	Old Saint Paul Elementary School	6/30/2012	3074 Liberty Church Road	5.0	Facility is used occasionally for rental.
<b>Fairfield</b>	The Learning Center	7/1/2007	Roosevelt Street, Winnsboro 29180	1.0	
<b>Florence 2</b>	Hannah-Pamplico Middle School	8/1/2000	103 Hickory Street, Pamplico, SC 29583	14.0	The building is leased by PDCA for Head Start and Florence County.

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<b>Greenville</b>	Bryson Elementary School	10/21/2005	1102 Howard Drive, Simpsonville SC 29681	21.6	Building is on Long Term Lease Agreement with The City for Community Services.
	East Gantt Elementary School (Old)	8/1/2005	400 Fork Shoals Road, Greenville SC 29605	15.0	District uses building as a Custodial Training Center and Storage.
	Golden Strip Support Office	8/1/2011	440 Boyd Avenue, Simpsonville SC 29681	0.1	Building is used by District Departments - Shared Site with Simpsonville Elementary.
	Old Northwest Area Office	8/1/1996	4900 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville SC 29617	0.1	Building has long term lease agreement with Greenville County for use by Greenville County Sheriff's office - Shared Site with Duncan Chapel Elementary School.
	Northwest Crescent CDC (old)	8/1/2005	925 North Franklin Road, Greenville SC 29617	0.1	Building is shared site with New Northwest Crescent CDC.
	Wade Hampton Elementary (Old)	10/1/2018	200 Waddell Road, Taylors SC 29687	10.5	District has short term lease agreement on this property.
<b>Greenwood 50</b>	Central School	7/1/2014	807 Gage Street, Greenwood, SC 29648	6.0	This school is currently going to State Board for approval to transfer to SCETV.
<b>Hampton 2</b>	Estill Middle School (Old)	9/3/2013	819 3rd Street West	10.0	
<b>Horry</b>	(Former) Socastee Elementary School	6/15/2018	4950 Socastee Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	67.8	This site is coterminous with Socastee High School and portions of the site are actively in-use as the bus storage lot for Socastee High School. The Board of Education has also identified the former elementary school site as being dedicated to Socastee High School for future expansion and growth.
<b>Jasper</b>	Bees Creek site	6/6/2007	3776 Bees Creek Road,	32.4	The building is badly deteriorated.

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			Ridgeland, SC 29936		
<b>Kershaw</b>	Old Camden Elementary School	1/4/2019	1304 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020	10.0	We are in the process of planning to do hazardous material and begin demo of this building.
<b>Lancaster</b>	Dobson	6/1/1996	1636 Alpha Road, Lancaster, SC 29720	10.2	
<b>Laurens 55</b>	Pleasant View Elementary School	7/1/2007	340 W. Mill St., Gray Court, SC	5.0	Pleasant View hasn't been in operation for many years. The facility is currently leased by the City of Gray Court and they have some activities present within the building.
<b>Lee</b>	Fleming Elementary	9/12/2000	65 Montgomery Circle Lynchburg, SC 29080	1.0	
	Mount Pleasant Middle School	1/1/2010	3775 Elliott Hwy Elliott, SC 29046	1.5	Building is dilapidated, grounds are currently being leased by Alumni Association.
	Bishopville Primary School	1/1/2015	603 N. Dennis Ave Bishopville, SC 29010	1.5	
<b>Lexington 2</b>	Claude A Taylor Elementary	10/18/2018	103 Ann Lane, Cayce, SC 29033	7.9	This facility is slated for demolition but is widely used for law enforcement training.
	Pineview Elementary	7/31/2018	3035 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169	8.0	Facility is used to house our contracted cleaning services.
	George I Pair Alternative School	7/31/2019	2325 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, SC 29169	12.6	This is future site of another school.
	Heyward Moore Fine Arts Facility		824 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169	2.5	Small facility that is under contract to be sold.

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<b>Lexington Richland 5</b>	Academy for Success	6/30/2012	NW Columbia Ave Chapin, SC 29036	9.0	The auditorium portion of the building has been condemned.
<b>Marion 10</b>	Britton's Neck Elementary School	9/27/2019	223 Gresham Road, Gresham SC, 29546	23.5	
	Marion 1 District Office	8/1/2004	616 Northside Avenue, Marion SC, 29571	2.1	
	Rains Centenary Elementary School	8/1/2007	3559 Hwy 501 South, Marion 29571	7.7	
	Nichols Elementary School	10/3/2016	403 Old Stage Road, Nichols SC, 29581	5.3	
	Spring Branch Elementary School	8/1/2007	Hwy 501 North, Marion SC, 29571	29.2	
	Old Britton's Neck Elementary	8/1/2004	Hwy 908, Gresham SC, 29546	5.7	
	Marion County Adult Education	10/1/2018	410 East Liberty Street, 29571	4.1	
	Southside Elementary School	8/1/2012	614 Eutaw Street, Marion 29571	4.1	
	Old Red Brick School		600 North Main Street, Mullins SC, 29574	1.1	
<b>Marlboro</b>	Marlboro School of Discovery	7/1/2019	201 Jefferson Street, Clio, SC 29525	3.0	
<b>Spartanburg 3</b>	Clifdale Elementary School	6/30/2019	451 Heritage Hills Rd.,	25.0	This is a temporary vacancy as this school will be re-tooled as a consolidated middle school



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			Spartanburg, SC 29307		for the District over the next two to three school years. Therefore, it is not available for charter school consideration.
<b>Spartanburg 5</b>	Reidville Elementary School	8/5/2019	300 College Street Reidville SC 29375	13.0	56,290 square ft. building
<b>Spartanburg 7</b>	Z L Madden Center	5/1/2019	459 Centennial Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303	5.0	This facility has not been used as a k-12 public school since 2005. Most recent occupants were Adult Education and Piedmont Community Actions and Early Head Start Programs. Both moved to different locations to better facilities.
<b>Sumter</b>	F.J. Delaine Elementary School	7/1/2018	5355 Cane Savannah, Wedgfield, SC 29168	15.0	
<b>Union</b>	Lockhart School	7/1/2018	212 Lockhart Drive, Lockhart, SC 29364	15.0	
	Carlsan School		3288 Santuc Carlisle Hwy Union, SC 29379	26.0	
	Adamsburg School		740 Bentley Town Rd, Union, SC 29379	10.0	
	Sims Jr. High School		200 Sims Drive, Union SC 29379	20.0	
	Excelsior Middle School		212 Culp Street, Union SC 29379	17.0	
<b>Williamsburg</b>	D. P. Cooper Elementary School	7/12/2019	4568 Seaboard Rd., Salters, SC 29590	26.0	

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	St. Mark Elementary	7/15/2011	6628 Thurgood Marshall Hwy, Kingstree, SC 29556	15.5	
	Battery Park Elementary School	7/15/2008	1467 Battery Park Rd., Nesmith, SC 29580	24.3	
<b>York 3 (Rock Hill)</b>	Edgewood	6/1/2017	1446 Russell Street	22.0	

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