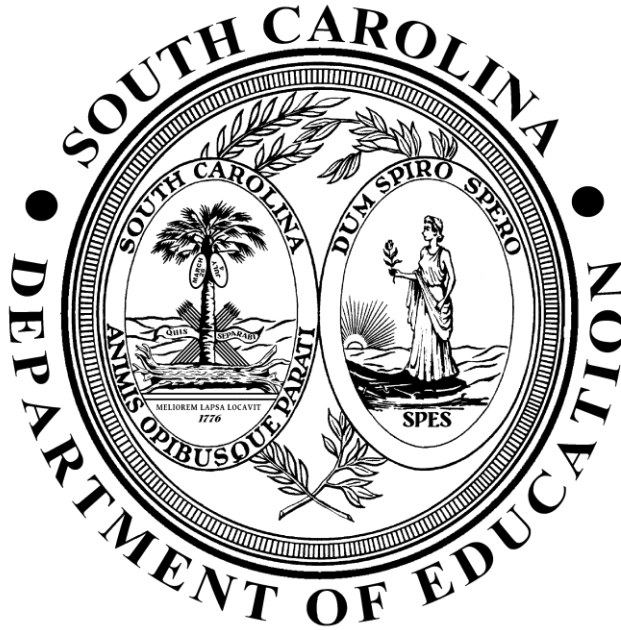


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Reporting Requirement

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 SCDE conducted a survey of school districts July through September 2022. 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

Fifty-two districts were surveyed. Responses were received from all of them.

The following 39 districts indicated that they did not have any vacant or unused buildings:

Districts		
Allendale	Anderson 1	Anderson 4
Anderson 5	Anderson 4	Bamberg
Barnwell Consolidated	Beaufort	Calhoun
Colleton	Dillon 3	Dillon 4
Dorchester 2	Dorchester 4	Florence 2
Florence 3	Florence 5	Georgetown
Greenwood 50	Greenwood 51	Greenwood 52
Kershaw	Laurens 56	Lexington 3
Lexington 4	Limestone Charter Association	McCormick
Newberry	Oconee	Richland 1
SC Dept. of Juvenile Justice	SC Public Charter School	Spartanburg 1
Spartanburg 2	Spartanburg 5	Spartanburg 6
York 1	York 2 (Clover)	York 4 (Fort Mill)

Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings

Twelve 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.

District	Vacant Facility	Vacated	Address	Acreage	Comments
Cherokee	Goucher Elementary School	7/1/2021	604 Goucher School Road, Gaffney, SC 29340	14.88	
	Mary Bramlett Elementary School	7/1/2021	301 Spruce Street, Gaffney, SC 29340	3	
Florence 1	The Pinkney Building	7/1/2022	220 N. Pickney St., Timmons ville SC 29161	2.03	Due to consolidation of Florence School District 4.
Greenville	Bryson Elementary School (Old)	10/21/2005	1102 Howard Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is on long term lease with The Center for Community Services. Shared site with Golden Strip Child Development Center.
	East Gantt Elementary School (Old)	8/1/2005	400 Fork Shoals Road, Greenville, SC 29605	15.0	District used building as a training center and storage.
	Golden Strip Support Office	8/1/2011	440 Boyd Avenue, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building used by District Departments - Shared site with Simpsonville Elementary.

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	Northwest Area Office (Old)	8/1/1996	4900 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building use by District Departments - Shared site with Duncan Chapel Elementary School.
	Northwest Crescent Child Development Center (Old)	8/1/2005	925 North Franklin Road, Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building is on a long-term lease agreement with SHARE/Headstart - Shared site with new Northwest Crescent Child Development Center.
	Wade Hampton Elementary School (Old)	10/1/2018	200 Waddell Road, Taylors, SC 29687	10.473	District use.
Horry	Former Alternative Education Center	8/31/2021	2694 Highway 905, Conway, SC 29526	8	Currently used for JROTC program.
Laurens 55	Pleasant View Elementary	7/2/2007	340 Mill St., Gray Court, SC 29645	5	Facility is used by Lakelands YMCA and the SC Empowerment Centre.
Lexington 1	Old Gilbert Elementary School	8/18/2020	314 Main St., Gilbert, SC 29054	20	
	Old Pelion Middle School	1/4/2021	758 Mulberry St., Pelion, SC 29123	17	
Marion	Britton's Neck Elementary School	9/27/2019	223 Gresham Road, Gresham SC, 29546	23.54	Facility is under contract to be sold, in the process of closing.

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	Marion 1 District Office	8/1/2004	616 Northside Avenue, Marion SC, 29571	2.1	
	Nichols Elementary School	10/3/2020	403 Old Stage Road, Nichols SC, 29581	5.3	
	Spring Branch Elementary School	8/1/2007	Hwy 501 North, Marion SC, 29571	29.16	Building has been demolished, just land remains; under contract to be obtained by Marion County.
	Old Britton's Neck Elementary School	8/7/2007	Hwy 908, Gresham SC, 29546	5.65	In works of building being demolished.
	Marion County Adult Education	10/1/2018	410 E. Liberty St., Marion, SC 29571	4.1	
	Southside Elementary School	8/1/2012	614 Eutaw St., Marion, SC 29571	4.1	
	Old Red Brick School	8/1/2007	600 North Main Street, Mullins, SC 29574	1.1	
Orangeburg	Roberts Elementary School/CORE Building	7/1/2019	1250 Unity Road, Holly Hill, SC 29059	5.09	
Pickens	Operations Annex Storage Facility	9/1/2014	467 Sparks Lane, Pickens, SC 29671	37	The remaining facility is a 47,000 square foot space that was formerly Pickens Middle School. Most of the original space has

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					been demolished and the remaining facility/gym is used for district surplus storage.
	Randolph Elementary/North Road Head Start	7/2/2018	4215 North Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118	7.28	
School for Deaf and Blind Main Campus – Spartanburg	Hall Dorm	5/31/2022	355 Cedar Springs Road, Spartanburg, SC 29302	0	A former dorm that has been closed and will be demoed at some point.
Spartanburg 3	Cowpens Middle School	8/16/2021	150 Foster Street, Cowpens, SC 29130	26	This school was taken out of service at the beginning of school year 2021-22 and will be presented to the SC State Board of Education on October 11, 2022 for disposal action.
	Middle School of Pacolet	8/16/2021	850 Sunny Acres Road, Pacolet, SC 29372	21	This school was taken out of service at the beginning of School Year 2021-22. We are in the process of deeding this pre-1953 building to a non-profit to turn this historic building into a multi-use community center. The group has close connections with alumni of the former BE Mays School, which was this building's

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					identity prior to 1970 as that area's segregation-era African American school. The district plans to deed this school to this group as soon as their 501(c)(3) process is successfully concluded, which is imminent.
Union	Lockhart School	6/1/2018	212 Lockhart School Drive, Lockhart, SC 29364	15	
	Sims Middle School	6/5/2009	200 Sims Drive, Union, SC 29379	20	

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