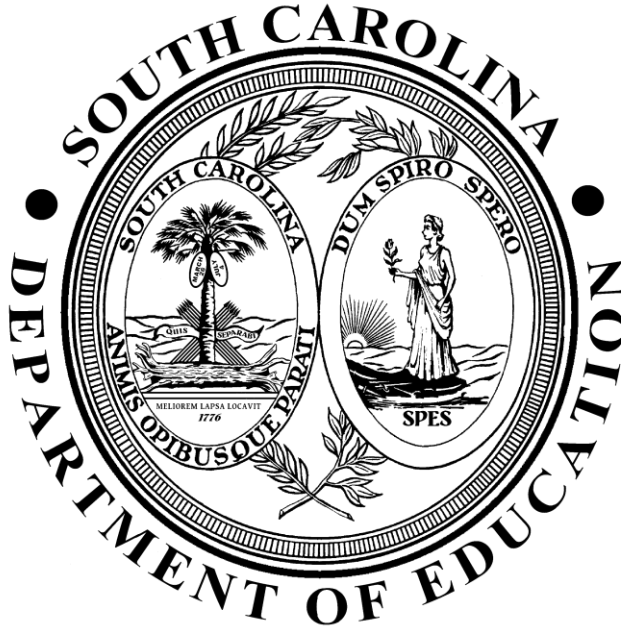


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Reporting Requirement

This report satisfies the requirements of the 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 in August 2023. 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

Sixty-nine districts were surveyed. Responses were received from all of them.

The following 48 districts indicated that they did not have any vacant or unused buildings:

Districts		
Abbeville	Aiken	Allendale
Anderson 1	Anderson 2	Anderson 3
Anderson 4	Anderson 5	Bamberg
Barnwell 45	Beaufort	Berkeley
Charleston	Calhoun	Chester
Chesterfield	Colleton	Dillon 3
Dorchester 2	Dorchester 4	Edgefield
Fairfield	Florence 2	Florence 3
Florence 5	Georgetown	Greenwood 50
Greenwood 51 (Ware Shoals)	Greenwood 52	Horry
Kershaw	Lancaster	Laurens 56
Lexington 3	Lexington 4	Newberry
Richland 1	Saluda	Spartanburg 1
Spartanburg 2	Spartanburg 3	Spartanburg 4
Spartanburg 5	Spartanburg 6	Spartanburg 7
York 1	York 2 (Clover)	York 4 (Fort Mill)

The three charter school districts do not own school buildings.

Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings

Twenty-one 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	Mary Bramlett Elementary School	7/1/2023	301 Spruce St., Gaffney, SC 29340	3	
Clarendon	Summerton Early Childhood Center	7/28/2023	8 South Church St., Summerton, SC 29148	7	Approximately 7 acres as the district office shared the property.
Darlington	Brunson-Dargan Elementary	5/31/2021	400 Wells Street	34.2529	Facility to demolished in 2023-2024 school year.
Dillon 4	South Elementary	6/30/2023	900 Patriot Street, Dillon, SC 29536	5	
	Hamer Canaan	6/30/1973	428 Elkins Road, Hamer, SC 29547	10	
	Whittaker	6/30/1986	2326 Worship St., Dillon, SC 29536	5	
	Technology Center (Old Maple School)	2/15/2023	801 South 9 th Avenue, Dillon, SC 29536	5	
Florence 1	Pinckney Building (FSD4 Old District Office)	6/30/2000	220 N. Pickney St., Timmons ville, SC 29161	1+	

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Greenville	Bryson Elementary School (Old)	10/21/2005	1102 Howard Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is used in a long-term lease agreement with The Center for Community Services. This building is on a shared site with Golden Strip Child Development Center.
	Golden Strip Support Office	8/1/2011	440 Boyd Avenue, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is outfitted for emergency use by District Departments. This building is on a shared site with Simpsonville Elementary School.
	Northwest Area Office (Old)	8/1/1996	4900 Old Buncombe Rd., Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building is used by District Departments. This building is on a shared site with Duncan Chapel Elementary School.
	Northwest Crescent Child Development Center (Old)	8/1/2005	925 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville, SC 29617	0.1	Building is used in a long-term lease agreement with SHARE/Headstart. Building is located on a shared site with NEW Northwest Crescent Child Development Center.
Hampton	Estill Middle (Old)	10/1/2012	819 3 rd St., West Estill, SC 29918	18.225	
	Gifford-Luray School	8/1/1992	121 Harrison Street, Luray, SC	10.75	

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Laurens 55	Pleasant View Elementary	7/2/2007	340 Mill St., Gray Court, SC 29645	5	The facility is currently used by Lakelands YMCA and the SC Empowerment Centre.
Lee	Bishopville Primary	1/1/2015	603 North Dennis Ave., Bishopville, SC 29010	1	
	Fleming Middle	9/12/2000	65 Montgomery Circle, Lynchburg, SC 29080	1.5	
Lexington 1	Old Gilbert Elementary School	8/18/2020	314 Main St., Gilbert, SC 29054	20	The district is currently working with SLED to enter into an executed, long-term lease agreement for them to occupy this facility by the end of 2023 for the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence (SC Code 23-3-1500).
	Old Pelion Middle School	1/4/2021	758 Mulberry St., Pelion, SC 29123	17	The district, along with local community agencies, has submitted grant applications to establish a day treatment facility for intensive mental health services for elementary-aged students. Additionally, approximately twenty-five percent

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					of this campus is in use with the Pelion-area Performing Arts Center and the track and field complex.
Lexington 2	Heyward Moore Fine Arts Building	1/1/2005	824 B Ave., West Columbia, SC	2.3	
Lexington/Richland 5	Former Alternative Academy for the school district	6/6/2012	107 Columbia Ave., Chapin, SC 29036	7.74	
Marion 10	Britton's Neck Elementary School	9/23/2019	223 Gresham Road, Gresham SC, 29546	23.54	
	Marion 1 District Office	8/1/2004	616 Northside Avenue, Marion SC, 29571	2.1	
	Old Britton's Neck Elementary School	8/7/2007	Hwy. 908 Gresham, SC 29546	5.65	
	Marion County Adult Education	10/1/2018	410 East 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 N. Main St., Mullins, SC 29574	1.1	

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McCormick	McCormick	7/1/2023	Peachtree St., McCormick, SC 29835	Less than an acre.	
Oconee	Old Walhalla Middle School/Oconee Academy	6/5/2019	177 Razorback Lane	30	We use sections of the building for an area bus office and SRO/Law Enforcement Training.
Orangeburg	Rivelon Elementary School	6/2/2023	350 Thomas Eklund Circle, Orangeburg, SC 29115	13.69	School consolidated with another elementary school.
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 been demolished and the remaining facility/gym is used for district surplus storage.
Richland 2	Bethel Hanberry Gym (Old)	9/1/2022	125 Boney Rd., Blythewood, SC 29216	2	Building is on the historical register for the Town of Blythewood. Currently being used as storage facility for district.
Union	Lockhart Schools	6/1/2018	212 Lockhart Dr., Lockhart, SC 29353	15	
	Sims Jr. High School	6/1/2010	200 Sims Dr., Union, SC 29379	71	Sims has recently been approved by the National Registry of Historical Places.

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Williamsburg	D P Cooper Elementary	7/1/2020	4568 Seaboard Rd., Salters, SC 29590	25.88	
York 3 (Rock Hill)	Finley Road Elementary	6/30/2021	1089 Finley Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730	64,140 sq. ft.	
	Bellevue Elementary School	6/30/2021	501 Bellevue Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730	74,311 sq. ft.	
	Rosewood Elementary	6/30/2021	2240 Rosewood Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732	67,389 sq. ft.	

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