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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 September 2024. 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 51 districts indicated that they did not have any vacant or unused buildings:

- Abbeville
- Aiken
- Allendale
- Anderson 1
- Anderson 2
- Anderson 3
- Anderson 4
- Anderson 5
- Bamberg 3
- Barnwell 01
- Beaufort
- Calhoun
- Charleston
- Chester
- Chesterfield
- Darlington
- Dillon 3
- Dorchester 2
- Edgefield
- Fairfield
- Florence 2
- Florence 3
- Florence 5
- Georgetown
- Greenwood 50
- Greenwood 51
- Greenwood 52
- Horry
- Kershaw
- Lancaster
- Laurens 56
- Lexington 3
- Lexington 4
- Marlboro
- McCormick
- Orangeburg
- Richland 1
- Richland 2
- Saluda
- Spartanburg 1
- Spartanburg 2
- Spartanburg 3
- Spartanburg 4
- Spartanburg 5
- Spartanburg 6
- Spartanburg 7
- Williamsburg
- York 1
- York 2 (Clover)
- York 3 (Rock Hill)
- York 4 (Fort Mill)

The three charter school districts do not own school buildings.

Three districts did not respond to the survey: Jasper, Newberry, and Sumter.

Districts with Vacant/Unused Buildings

Eighteen 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
Berkeley	JK Gourdine Elementary	7/1/2024	1649 Hwy 45, Pineville, SC 29468	11.9	
	Bonneau Facility	12/2/1991	1817 Main Street, Bonneau, SC 29431	5.79	
Cherokee	Mary Bramlett Elementary School	6/30/2020	301 Spruce St, Gaffney, SC 29340	2.0	Facility 1 has been closed since 2020.
Clarendon 6	Summerton Early Childhood Center	6/30/2023	8 South Church St, Summerton, SC 29148	8	

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Colleton	Colleton Annex/Adult Ed Center	2/3/2020	609 Colleton Loop, Walterboro, SC 29488	5	Facility was Annex that housed multiple district departments and Adult Ed Center until February of 2020. At which time, all departments moved to the District Office. Prior to that, the facility was a 6 th grade school until the district consolidated all middle schools into one school and built a new high school. The district had plans to repurpose this Annex into a 6 th grade school again over a year ago but was unable to continue because of airport regulations according to city officials.
Dillon 4	East Elementary	7/1/2024	901 East Harrison Street, Dillon, SC	5	Old, built in 1926.
	Stewart Heights	7/1/2024	1001 W. Calhoun Street, Dillon, SC 29536	16	School was built in 1962.
	South Elementary	7/3/2023	900 Patriot Street, Dillon, SC 29536	5	Built in 1954.
	Hamer Canaan	6/30/1973	428 Elkins Rd, Hamer, SC 29547	10	
	Little Rock	6/30/1966	2326 Worship Street, Dillon, SC 29536	5	Incorrect name last year not Whittaker. Head start is using that facility.

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Dillon 4	Technology Center (Old Maple School)	2/15/2023	801 South 9 th Ave, Dillon, SC 29536	5	Under district evaluation for future plans.
Dorchester	St. George Middle School	6/10/2024	600 Minus Street, St. George, SC 29477	13.5	The middle school students moved into the new Woodland Middle School. St. George campus is partially being used for district administration staff. The plan is to renovate areas of the building for a district board room, professional development space, and/or adult education program. The gym is used for district/community events and plans to update the gym for our wrestling program. The gym is used as an emergency shelter.
Florence 1	Timmons ville Complex/ Brockington Elementary School	7/1/2022	304 Kemper Street, Timmons ville, SC 29161	0	A portion of this complex is used daily for operations of Brockington Elementary School, consisting of classroom, cafeteria, and gym. The other classroom portion of the school (previously used for Middle and High School instruction) is used periodically by Florence 1 schools for summer programs or special before and after school programs serving students K-12. As a result of periodic activity, we're reporting as unused portion of this facility.

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Greenville	Bryson Elementary School (Old)	10/21/2005	11002 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 located on a shared site with Golden Strip Child Development Center Campus.
	Golden Strip Support Office	8/1/2011	440 Boyd Avenue, Simpsonville, SC 29681	0.1	Building is outfitted and used as an emergency command post for the District. Building is on a shared site with Simpsonville Elementary School Campus.
	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 Campus.
	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. The building is located on a shared site with NEW Northwest Crescent Child Development Center Campus.
Hampton 3	Old Estill Elementary	7/1/2024	635 Fourth Street, Estill, SC 29918	3	The school was just closed but we are using it temporarily in that we are sending Varnville elementary students there due to the fire they had at their school.
	Old Estill Middle School	9/2/2012	823 West Third Street, Estill, SC 29918	17	School is in very poor condition. A community group is wanting to buy it and
Laurens 55	Pleasant View Elementary School	7/2/2007	340 Mill St, Gray Court, SC 29645	8	

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Lee	Mt. Pleasant High School	6/1/2010	3705 Elliott Hwy, Elliott, SC 29046	12	
	Fleming Intermediate	6/1/2009	65 Montgomery Circle, Lynchburg, SC 29080	7	
	Bishopville Primary	6/1/2024	603 North Dennis Ave, Bishopville, SC 29010	15	The actual BEDS Code for this school year moved to the current Dennis Elementary School, which is located at 321 Roland Street.
Lexington 1	Old Gilbert Elementary School	8/18/2020	314 Main Street, Gilbert, SC 29054	20	The district has entered into a long-term lease agreement with SLED, who now occupies the facility for the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence (SC Code 23-3-1500).

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Lexington 1	Old Pelion Middle School	1/4/2021	758 Mulberry Street, Pelion, SC 29123	17	In conjunction with our upcoming facilities study, the district is exploring the possibility of moving our 19–21-year-old special education transition programs, Lexington One Young Adult Learning (LOYAL) and Lexington One Transition Services (LOTS) to this campus. Additionally, approximately thirty percent of the campus is in use with the Pelion-area Performing Arts Center, the track/field complex, gym and cafeteria for extra-curricular, athletics and fine arts events.
Lexington 2	Heyward Moore Fine Arts Building	1/1/2005	824 B. Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169	2.3	
Lexington/Richland 5	Former Alternative Academy	1/1/2012	107 Columbia Ave, Chapin, SC 29036	7.74	Fire and rescue trains here.
Marion 10	Old Red Brick Building	8/1/2007	600 N. Main Street, Mullins, SC 29574	1.1	Facility is vacant, but it is practically on the same property as our 4K school and is currently used as storage.
	Britton's Neck Elementary	10/1/2018	223 Gresham Rd, Gresham, SC 29546	23.54	Property is under contract for sale. We auctioned the property on Govdeals.com. Closing process is taking place currently.
	Marion 1 School District	8/1/2004	616 Northside Ave, Marion, SC 29571	2.1	Currently used for storage for JROTC equipment. Property is on the corner of active school, Easterling Primary School.

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Oconee	Old Walhalla Middle School/Oconee Academy	6/5/2019	177 Razorback Lane, Walhalla, SC 29691	30	We use sections of the building for an extra bus office and SRO/Law Enforcement Training.
Pickens	Operations Annex Storage Facility	9/1/2014	467 Sparks Lane, Pickens, SC 29671	37	The remaining facility is a 47,000 square feet space that was formerly Pickens Middle School. Most of the original has been demolished and the remaining facility/gym is used for district surplus storage. The site is shared with Hagood Elementary School. SDPC is currently in planning stages to renovate the facility.
Union	Lockhart School	6/1/2018	212 Lockhart Dr, Lockhart, SC 29364	14.83	
	Sims Jr. High School	6/1/2010	200 Sims Drive, Union, SC 29379	21.38	Sims has been approved.

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