

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

CODE:	<u>EP-01</u>
COMMITTEE:	<u>Education Professions</u>
DATE:	<u>October 6, 2026</u>

SUBJECT/TITLE

Request to Approve an Additional Partnership Location for Teach Right USA (TRUSA)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this item is for the State Board of Education (SBE) to consider an additional partnership location for the alternative route provider, TRUSA.

CRITICAL FACTS

S.C. Code Ann. §59-26-30 establishes the authority of the SBE to issue a conditional or alternative route teaching certificate to an individual who meets the criteria established in the statute and who is seeking full certification through an alternative route program. In 2017, SBE Regulation 43-51 was amended authorizing the SBE “to approve additional alternative certification programs and outline the content areas in which candidates may pursue certification pursuant to rules and guidelines published by the Board.” These guidelines, developed by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and approved by the SBE in March 2019, establish a process and standards for the approval of alternative route providers and preparation programs. The guidelines outline criteria for provider eligibility, detail the proposal and review process, and establish standards for the initial and continuing approval of new alternative route programs.

TRUSA is a South Carolina alternative certification education entity which was approved by the SBE on February 5, 2024. At this time, the provider provided evidence of a partnership with the Charter Institute of Erskine. The educational entity obtained SBE approval to offer alternative route educator preparation to teachers in the following certification fields: Middle Level (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), English, Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics, Social Studies, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Dance, Health Education, Music Education, Music Education (Choral, Instrumental, Piano, Strings, Voice), Physical Education, Theater, American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. On Tuesday, April 2, 2025, the SBE approved additional certification fields of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Business and Marketing Education.

On July 30, 2026, TRUSA submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) to expand their teacher education program by establishing an additional partnership with Berkeley County School District.

If the partnership is approved by the SBE, TRUSA will be able to enroll candidates in this district immediately. Upon successful completion of all program requirements as well as the induction and summative evaluation requirements of the state's expanded system for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT), successful program completers will be eligible to advance to a standard educator certificate.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

February 5, 2024	TRUSA is approved by the SBE as an alternative certification provider.
July 30, 2026	TRUSA submits the MOU with the district outlined above.
September 4, 2026	The SCDE shares the submission with the Professional Review Committee.
October 6, 2026	The SCDE presents the submission to the State Board for approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A

FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ☒ yes ☐ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: Teach Right USA Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends the SBE approve the additional partnership location of Berkeley County School District for TRUSA.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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