S T A T E B O A R D O F E D U C A T I O N
SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE: EP-01
COMMITTEE: EP
DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE

Request to Approve an Additional Partnership Location for Network for Alternative Preparation in Teaching (NetAPT)

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, NetAPT.

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. Pursuant to SBE Regulation 43-51, Certification Requirements, the state board has the authority 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.

NetAPT is a South Carolina Institution of Higher Education (IHE)-based alternative certification provider through Winthrop University that was approved by the SBE on August 8, 2023, to offer teacher alternative route certification programs.

Winthrop University is approved to offer alternative route educator preparation to teachers in the following certification fields:

- Chemistry
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- French
- Middle Level Language Arts
- Middle Level Mathematics
- Middle Level Social Studies
- Middle Level Science
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Spanish
- Special Education: Multi-categorical

At the time of approval, the provider provided evidence of a partnership with six districts: Chester County School District, Clover School District, Fairfield County School District, Kershaw County School District, Rock Hill Schools, and York School District One.

On September 17, 2026, NetAPT submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to expand their teacher education program by establishing an additional partnership with Richland School District Two.

If the partnership is approved by the SBE, NetAPT will be able to enroll candidates in this district beginning with the current school year. 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

August 8, 2023	NetAPT is approved by the SBE as an alternative certification provider.
September 17, 2026	NetAPT submits the MOU with the district outlined above.
October 16, 2026	The SCDE shares the submission with the Professional Review Committee.
November 3, 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: NetAPT Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends the SBE approve the additional partnership location of Richland School District Two for NetAPT.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: ☒ FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☐