

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE



*Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready and
Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society*



Proposed Board Meeting Dates 2026-2027 SY

- July 16, 2026
 - August 20, 2026
 - September 17, 2026
 - October 15, 2026
 - November 19, 2026
 - December 17, 2026
 - January 21, 2027
 - *February 16, 2027
 - March 18, 2027
 - April 15, 2027
 - May 20, 2027
 - June 17, 2027
- All meetings will start @ 6:00pm at the District Office.

Financial Auditors: Mauldin and Jenkins, CPA's & Advisors

- Permission to extend our Contract with Mauldin and Jenkins, CPA's & Advisors
 - Contract is currently through December 2026
 - Either extend by 3 years (2027 – 2029) or 5 years (2027-2031)
- **Action Required**





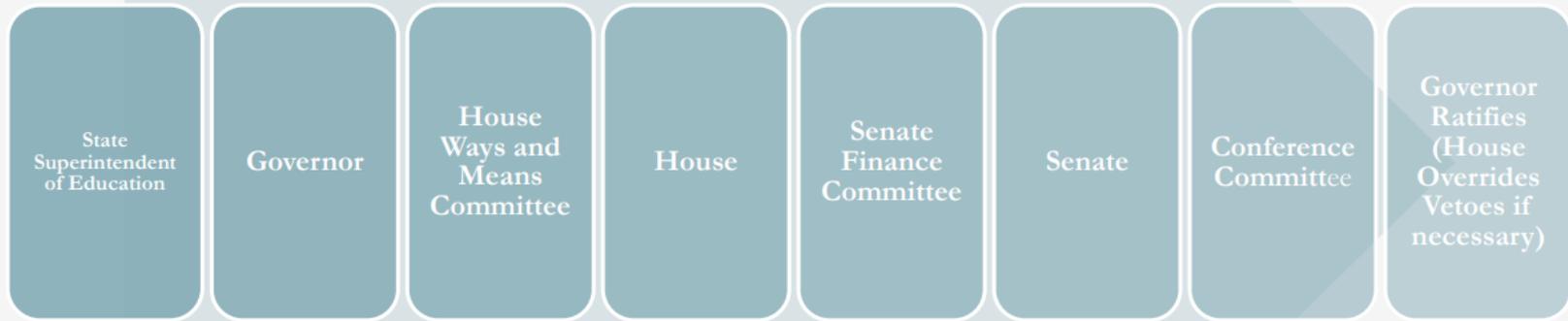
Enrollment Update 2025-2026

Schools	Enrollment
LCECC	364
MSE	258
JCLES	380
SES	389
OMS	158
REMJH	226
JPT	340
LCHS	488
District Total	2603

2024-2025 135th day report = 2747



State Budget Process





Revenue & Fiscal Affairs

Recommendations vs.

Governor's Budget & New Language

- ~~• (1) Consider reducing the number of weight categories~~
- (2) Career and Technology – Remove Weighting, Allocate funding for equipment based on prior year 135 ADM
- ~~• (3) Consolidate the Limited English Proficiency, Gifted and Talented, and Academic Assistance weight~~
- (4) Separate the funding for charter district brick-and-mortar and virtual weights
- (5) Continue to fund the state and local share to charter districts
- ~~• (6) Distribute all funding through the formula~~
- ~~• (7) Include health insurance allocations in the formula~~
 - Health insurance remains proportional for current year, may be proportional for prior year
- ~~• (8) Allocate funding based on prior year student count~~
- (9) Update hold harmless year with adjustments for CTE and Charter Weights

Governor's Budget

- \$150 million – State Aid to Classrooms
 - Increase the minimum starting teacher salary from \$48,500 to \$50,500 and to increase every cell in the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule by \$2000
- \$61.4 Million – Education Scholarship Trust
 - funds for 20,000 scholarships and an increase in the scholarship amount from \$7500 to \$7634.

SDE/EOC Budget

- \$150 million – State Aid to Classrooms: Teacher Salaries
 - Increase every salary cell by \$2000, raising teacher salary to \$50,500
- \$61 million – Education Scholarship Trust Fund
 - Increase the number of students 15,000 to 20,000

Governor's Budget

- \$81.8 million – Career & Technical Funds
 - funds would be transferred from General Fund State Aid to Classrooms to EIA and represent the funds generated by the CTE weight of 1.20.
- \$8.2 million – Instructional Supports for Districts
 - funds to be used to support external vendors to deliver digital, training materials, and compliance reporting systems. (ClassLink – SSO, Learning Management System – LMS and Learning Object Repository - LOR)

SDE/EOC Budget

- \$8.2 million – Learning Management System

Governor's Budget

- \$15 million – Summer Reading Camps
 - to serve additional 14,000 1st and 2nd graders who are not on track to be reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- \$50 million – High Quality Instructional Materials
 - \$1 million for Algebra 1
 - \$3 million for Computer Education
 - \$30 million for Maintenance Orders (consumables, K-5 science, K-5 social studies)
 - \$16 million for one-year extension for instructional materials that must be extended for one year while academic standards are being updated.

SDE/EOC Budget

- \$30 million – Summer Reading Camps
- \$70 million – High Quality Instructional Materials Support

Governor's Budget

- \$1.4 Million- Teacher Strategic Compensation
 - Career ladder compensation model for teachers in the classroom
- \$5 million – Teacher Strategic Compensation Program
 - Phase 3 – educator compensation for student growth
- \$20 million – School Safety Grants

SDE/EOC Budget

- \$1.4 million – Strategic Teacher Career Ladder Pilot
- \$5 million – Strategic Compensation Pilot: Phase III
- School Safety
 - \$120 million – SC Education Infrastructure Bank
 - \$347,500 – School Safety Personnel Pilot
 - \$3.5 million – Support districts in meeting statutory cybersecurity requirements

Governor's Budget

- \$5 million – School Buses
- \$3.2 million – Statewide Education Finance Data Platform
- *Proviso -Employment Contracts – New
 - Ensures that in the case of the mutual dissolution of a superintendent's contract the amount paid by the district cannot exceed one year's salary.

SDE/EOC Budget

- \$40 million – Bus Lease/Purchase Program
- \$3.2 million – Statewide Education Finance Data Platform
- Proposed – Superintendent Contracts
 - School board shall include a term in all district superintendent employment contracts, entered into on or after July 1 of the current fiscal year, specifying that the maximum settlement amount to be paid by the district as part of the mutual dissolution of the contract shall not exceed one year's salary or the remainder of the contract value.



Additional Governor's Budget Recommendations

- **\$8.7 million – Child Nutrition Programs**
 - funds for all children to have a free breakfast regardless of income
- **\$9.9 million – Full-Day 4K** – expanding First Steps (not for public schools)
- **\$250,000 – Project READ** – PD for teachers in reading and personal finance
- **\$1 million – Teacher Transformation Pilot Program (USC)**



Governor's Budget Recommendations

Proviso Amendments/ New

- **Proviso 1.3 – State Aid to Classrooms**
 - Amend – adjust the salary used to determine funding required for the state effort to a master's degree, 12 years experience and an average salary to \$80,378 including fringe benefits



Additional SC Department of Ed & EOC Request

- \$580,000 – Fiscal Oversight & Data Infrastructure
- \$17.6 million – Disconnect to Reconnect
 - Provides age-appropriate instructional materials for grades 3-8 on the effects of smartphones screens, & social media

House Education K-12 Subcommittee

- [H.5073 – Grading Practices & Uniform Grading Policy](#)
 - Limits grade floor practices and policies, regulates eligibility for credit recovery and content recovery programs and creates a task force to review the Uniform Grading Policy
 - No minimum grade or score exceeding a student’s actual performance & imposes a 10% penalty for violations
 - Non-academic factors may not be considered when assigning grades.
 - Student eligibility for district-approved credit recovery courses & content recovery programs on submission of all required assignments for the original course.
 - Task force has to report to SDE by June 1, 2027

Senate Education Committee

- S.70 – School Board Ethics

- Bill amends current law that requires the State Board of Education to adopt a model code of ethics policy which must be used to develop a model code of ethics by local school boards
- Policy must be adopted during a regular scheduled board meeting within three months of the State Board’s adopted policy.
 - Policy must include penalties for violations that the State Board determines as reasonable and necessary.

Senate Education Committee

- [H-4257 – Excused Student Absences](#)
 - School administrators to approve student absences, not to exceed 10 days, for participation in interscholastic activities
- [H-3974 – Private Providers](#)
 - Requires school districts to consider, on a case-by-case basis, parental requests for a private provider to deliver certain medically necessary” Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services during school hours.
 - Model policy must be developed by SDE.



FSD3 Facilities Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
February 24, 2026

Phase 1B – Lake City Early Childhood Center

- Dominion Energy has completed installation of new gas lines for the DOAS units.
- The DOAS units have been commissioned. Testing and balancing are underway.
- The building automation is near completion.
- The punch list is continuing.



District Modernization Project with Schneider Electric

- Capital Asset Planning (CAP) audit taking place district-wide as part of Phase 1B.
- Controls installation (BAS) began the week of February 2 at: Olanta, Scranton and J.C. Lynch. All wire pulls have been completed and the automation server installed in Olanta.
- BAS will continue at remaining schools not receiving new mechanical equipment.
- Lighting submittals continuing to be finalized for submission to OSF. Work will begin once OSF issues the building permit.
- Window, electrical and mechanical submittals are all currently being prepared.
- Main Street Elementary Gym roof: asbestos testing completed and results are negative. OSF issued a School Building Permit for this project on February 19.
- Project introduction video provided to district and posted on YouTube and the district facilities webpage.

Ward Memorial Stadium

- The SC Department of Environmental Services has issued the necessary permit to begin demolition of the old fieldhouse and the construction of the new fieldhouse. Grounds work, including the construction road will begin this week.

Fire Alarm Upgrades

- Drawings/plans for the fire alarms at Lake City High and Lake City Early Childhood Center have been submitted to OSF. Approval is expected by March 2. Drawings/plans for J. Paul Truluck Magnet and Dr. Ronald E. McNair are in development.
- New wiring and raceway installation are scheduled to begin the week of March 2.
- We received official notification that FSD3 has been awarded \$500,000 in State School Safety funds that will be used for fire alarms.

J.C. Lynch Elementary Marquee

- The new marquee at J. C. Lynch Elementary has been installed and is operational.



Scranton Elementary Bathroom Partitions

- New partitions were installed in the boys' and girls' bathrooms in the 200 Building at Scranton Elementary.



School Painting Projects

- Painting of the hallway and door frames in the 200 Building at Main Street Elementary has been completed.
- Painting of select bathrooms at Scranton Elementary, J. C. Lynch Elementary, Olanta Magnet, J. Paul Truluck Magnet and Lake City is scheduled during spring break. Painting will include walls and ceilings. The floors will be painted with an epoxy that will be easier for custodians to keep clean.
- State Capital Improvement Funds are used for these projects.



Project	PO #	Safety Grant Funds (970)	Capital Improvement Funds (972)	General Funds (100)	Special Obligation Bond Funds (555)	GO/8% Bond Funds (523)	Project Total
		<i>Grant period ends 6/30/26</i>	<i>Grant period ends 6/30/26</i>		<i>SOB funds end 3/2028</i>		
Budget		\$332,346.62	\$547,575.08	\$3,000,000.00	\$13,544,026.70	\$495,808.60	
Fire Alarms (In District project)	51723, 51724, 51725, 51726 (LCHS, JPT, REM, LCECC)				\$2,307,314.95 (encumbered \$1,405,911.98)		\$2,307,314.95
Playground Equipment (In District project)	51213				\$200,936.83		\$200,986.83
Stadium Renovations							\$4,467,819.00
3rd Party Inspections	51806			\$36,775.00			\$36,775.00
Asbestos Assessment - Fieldhouse	51710			\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
FW Architect Fees/Professional Fees	51805			\$300,875.00			\$300,875.00
Modular Concessions/Restrooms	51474				\$354,498.00		\$354,498.00
Scoreboard (Bid out by District)	51700				\$258,974.00		\$258,974.00
Fieldhouse Furniture	52091				\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00
Contractor (SOB)	52093				\$814,287.00		\$814,287.00
Contractor (General)	52093			\$2,624,910.00			\$2,624,910.00
Schneider Phase 2	51664						\$9,796,012.36
Lighting, HVAC, BAS	51664				\$9,148,758.00		\$9,148,758.00
Windows, Window Film	51664	\$332,346.62					\$299,948.00
MSE Gym Roof	51664		\$313,947.00				\$313,947.00
MSE Gym Painting (In District project)	51671		\$28,166.00				\$28,166.00
LCH Gym Roof/Wall Repair (In District project)	51509		\$49,766.00				\$49,766.00
JC Lynch Marquee (In District project)	51701				\$25,054.00		\$25,054.00
Bathroom painting project (28 total)	52255		\$39,045.00				\$39,045.00
MSE 200 hall painting project	52256		\$19,764.00				\$19,764.00
MSE Gym HVAC units (4) + labor	52378, 52379		\$51,158.83				
DREM HVAC unit	52380, 52385		\$13,554.29				
Total		\$332,346.62	\$515,401.12	\$2,965,060.00	\$12,283,419.80	\$0.00	

ANY
QUESTIONS

