

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*



Enrollment Update 2025-2026

Schools	Enrollment
LCECC	359
MSE	259
JCLES	384
SES	387
OMS	159
REMJH	227
JPT	336
LCHS	485
District Total	2596

2024-2025 135th day report = 2747
Difference of 151

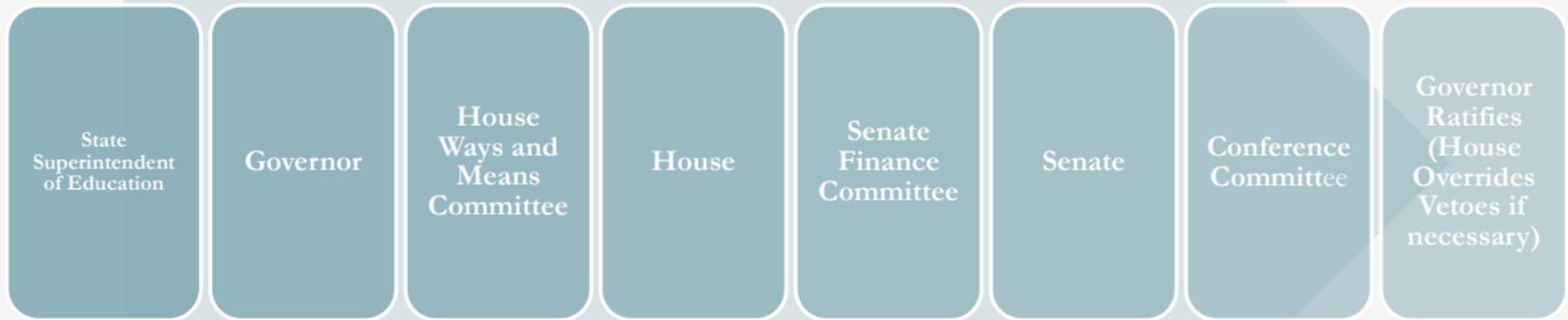


Budget Impact for 26-27 SY

- * With current decrease of 151 students, our 135th day count will result in a significant decrease of funding from SDE for the 2026-2027 SY



State Budget Process



House Bills

- [H.4756 – Student Physical Privacy Act](#)
 - Multi-occupancy public school and higher education institution restrooms and changing facilities must be designated for use only by members of one sex and are to be used by members of that biological sex.
 - Specifies that only a student or employee of the public school/institution can bring a cause of action
 - Now moving to the Senate Education Committee

House Education Committee

- [H.4468 – Local Advisory Councils for Educating Student with Disabilities](#)
 - Requires district to create Local Advisory Councils for Educating Students with Disabilities
 - Council is tasked with advising the board and superintendent on the needs of students with disabilities, including issues related to safety
 - Favorable – Sent to the Senate

House Education Committee

- H.5073 – Grading Practices
 - Prohibits the adoption of grading policies that require teachers to assign a minimum grade higher than a student’s actual performance.
 - Violations would result in a 10% district funding penalty
 - Nonacademic factors can’t be considered in grades
 - Requirements for student eligibility in district-approved credit recovery & content recovery to include submission of all required assignments for the original course, consistent with district policies on timely submission.
 - Prohibits the use of student performance on state-required formative assessments or district-selected benchmark assessments in calculating final course grades
 - Task force to review uniform grading policy by June 1, 2027
 - Favorable – Sent to the Senate

House Floor Actions

- H.4762 – School Volunteer Chaplain’s & Historical Displays
 - Part 1 - Allows school districts to allow volunteer school chaplains to provide support, services and programs to students.
 - Must have background checks – disqualification for sex offender status or serious crimes / criteria to be established by SCDE
 - Schools would have to inform parents and receive written parental consent before a student can receive services from a chaplain.
 - Districts would select chaplains from a published list that specifies the chaplain’s religious affiliation and the list must be on its website.
 - Part 2 – mandates the display of the Ten Commandments in all classrooms.
 - Determines size and version; must be displayed by Jan 1, 2027
 - Optional displays – Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Emancipation Proclamation
 - **prohibits the use of state or school funds to produce these displays; SDE to identify free resources for this purpose
 - Favorable – Sent to the Senate

House Actions

- H. 4163 – SC High School Athletic Association Act
 - SC High School League will remain but includes a revamped structure for how the league is managed, including new rules that put it under legislative oversight
 - Sent to the Senate

Senate Floor Actions

- S. 70 – School Board Training & Ethics
 - Adoption of a model code of ethics created by State Board of Education
 - SCDE to adopt a mandated training program for new and returning board members
 - Letter of caution from State Board of Education is not completed within 6 months
 - SBE will recommend to the governor that any board member who doesn't comply be removed
 - 3rd approval; moves to the House

Senate Floor Actions

H.3858 – Water Property Tax

- Bill reduces watercraft property taxes by approximately 43% of the fair market value.
- This reduction effectively lowers the property tax on watercraft from 10% to 6%. The reduction is to be phased in over a three-year period beginning with property tax years after 2026.
- The Senate gave 2nd and 3rd reading approval to the bill. Now goes to the House for consideration.



FSD3 Facilities Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 19, 2026