

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	258
JCLES	385
SES	386
OMS	159
REMJH	227
JPT	336
LCHS	485
District Total	2595

2024-2025 135th day report = 2747
Difference of 152

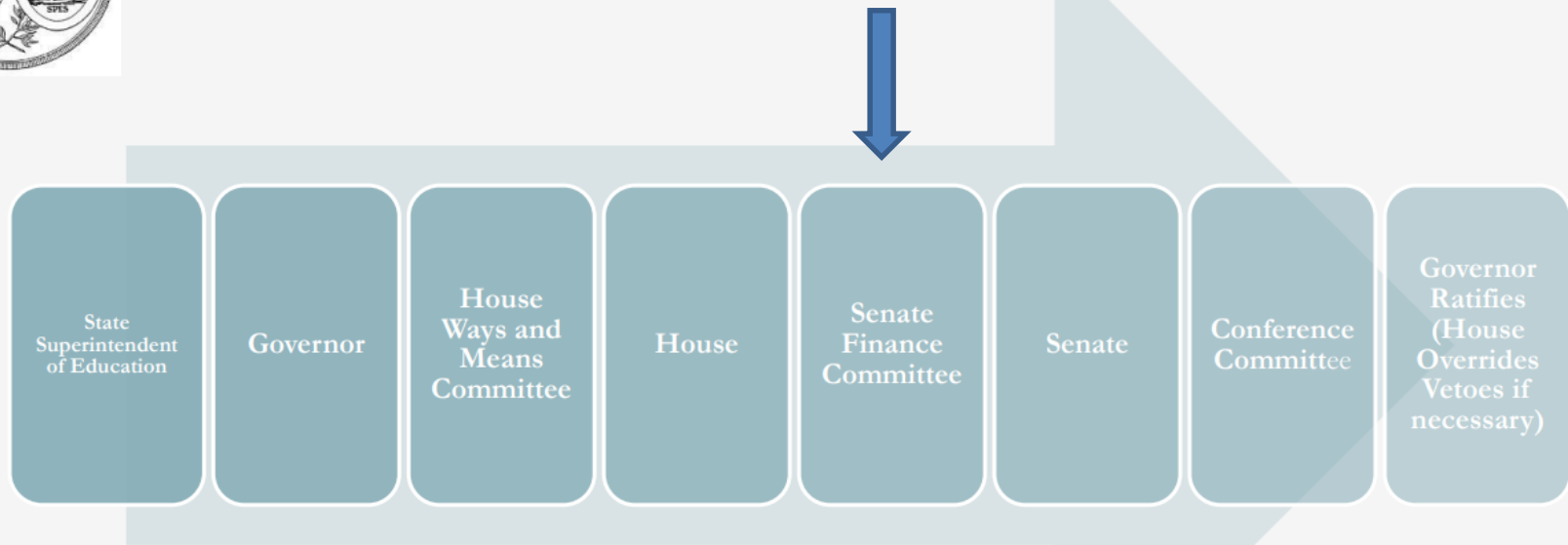


Budget Impact for 26-27 SY

- * With current decrease of 152 students, our 135th day count will result in a significant decrease of funding from SDE for the 2026-2027 SY



State Budget Process



**House passed a balanced budget. However, passage of [H.4216](#) later the same day, will have to be dealt with in the Senate. Bill offers income tax relief with a total \$587 million.

**Also House passed [H.3368](#) which would align SC taxes with the “One Big Beautiful Bill” that was passed by Congress. Fiscal impact - \$288.5 million.

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
 - Favorable - moving to the Senate

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 if 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

Phase 1B – Lake City Early Childhood Center

- Both DOAS units are now operational.
- Three communication boards from Daiken are scheduled for delivery Friday that will complete the building automation system throughout the school. Building automation is at 90% (parts and programming).
- Close out paperwork will begin next week.

Main St. Elementary Gym Roof

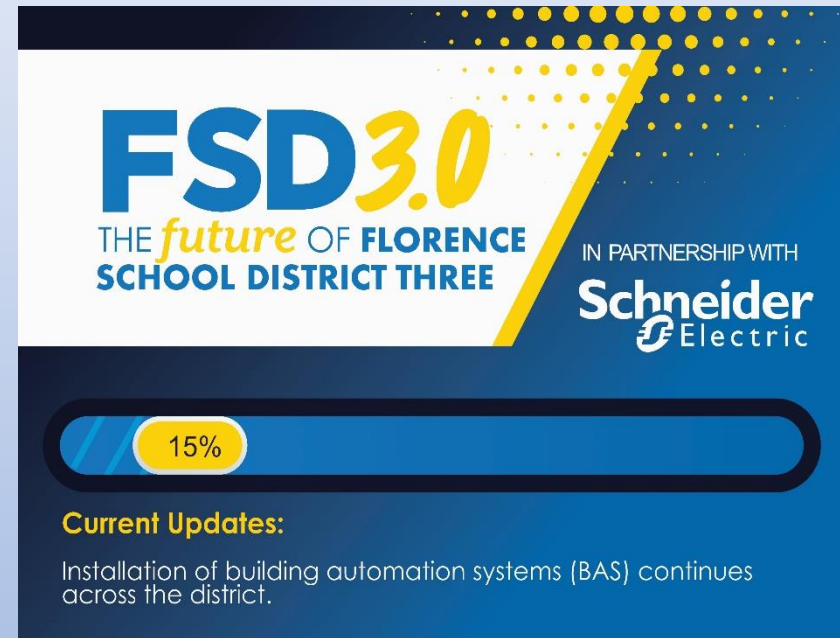
- Schneider Electric will begin delivering materials for the roof replacement on April 2. Most of the roof work will be done over spring break.

Fire Alarm Upgrades

- We have received “conditional approval” for the fire alarm plans for Lake City High, J. Paul Truluck and Ronald E. McNair schools. We are waiting on approval for the Lake City Early Childhood plans.
- Shop drawings have to be submitted to the State Fire Marshal for final approval.

District Modernization Project with Schneider Electric

- OSF has approved roofing work, and the team is assessing whether roof replacement can be completed during Spring Break.
- Mechanical, window and LED lighting submittals have been submitted to OSF and are awaiting approval.
- Building Automation System (BAS) upgrades continue, with work wrapping up at Olanta last week and installation beginning this week at J.C. Lynch.
- A Phase 3 change order is in progress to add sports lighting for the high school baseball and softball fields, targeting installation this summer.
- Capital Asset Planning (CAP) training for district administration was held March 18.



Ward Memorial Stadium

- Demolition of the fieldhouse and the concessions building is completed.
- A 60-foot section of the block wall on the visitors side has been removed to create space for the ticket booth on that side.
- The concrete apron where the concessions was located and the walkway at the home entrance area have been removed.





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	\$545,887.44	\$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				\$51,158.83
DREM HVAC unit	52380, 52385		\$13,554.29				\$13,554.29
Total		\$332,346.62	\$515,401.12	\$2,965,060.00	\$12,283,419.80	\$0.00	

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QUESTIONS

