

House Legislative Oversight
Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Department of Education
Agency Overview
October 9, 2019

Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Education is to provide leadership and support so that all public education students graduate prepared for success.

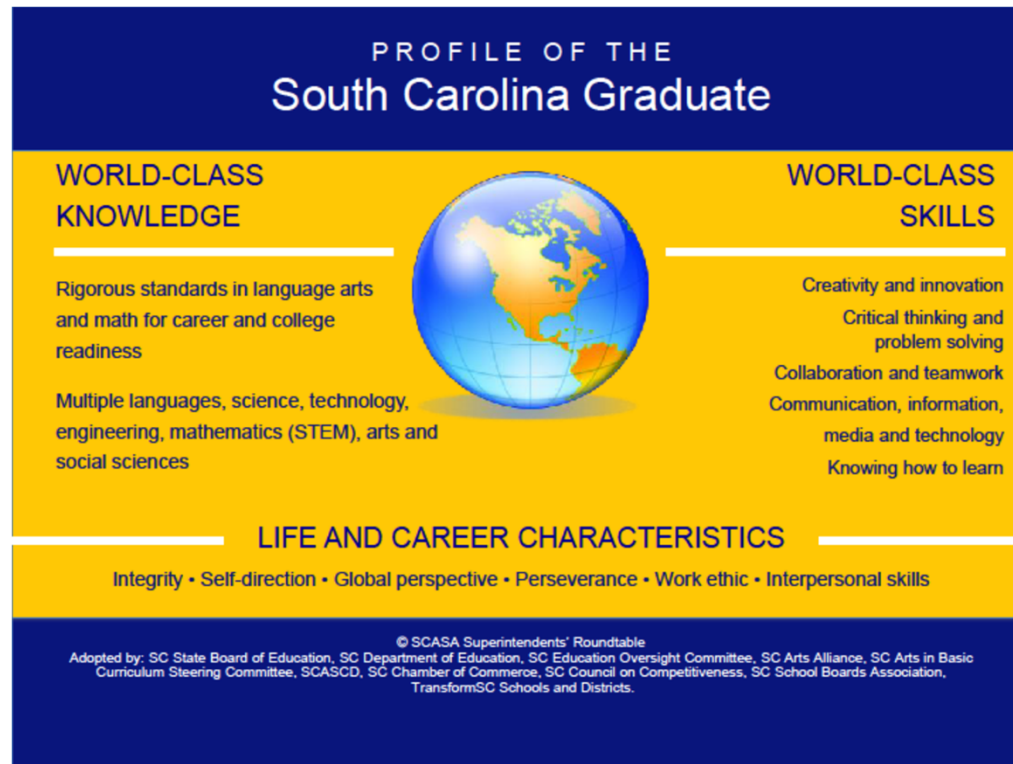


Vision

All students graduate prepared for success in college, careers, and citizenship. By 2022, districts will have available a system of personalized and digital learning that supports students in a safe learning environment to meet the [Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#).



Profile of the South Carolina Graduate



General Statistics

52,733 Teachers

Over 780,000 Students

48,000+ High School
Graduates in the Class
of 2019



1,272 Schools

5,687 School Buses

79 Traditional Public
School Districts; 2
Statewide Charter
School Districts



Agency Governing Body

The governing authority of the agency is the State Superintendent of Education, elected to office under the Constitution of this State by qualified voters of this State.

The State Board of Education acts as a separate governing body responsible for public elementary and secondary education in the State and falls under the purview of the Department.

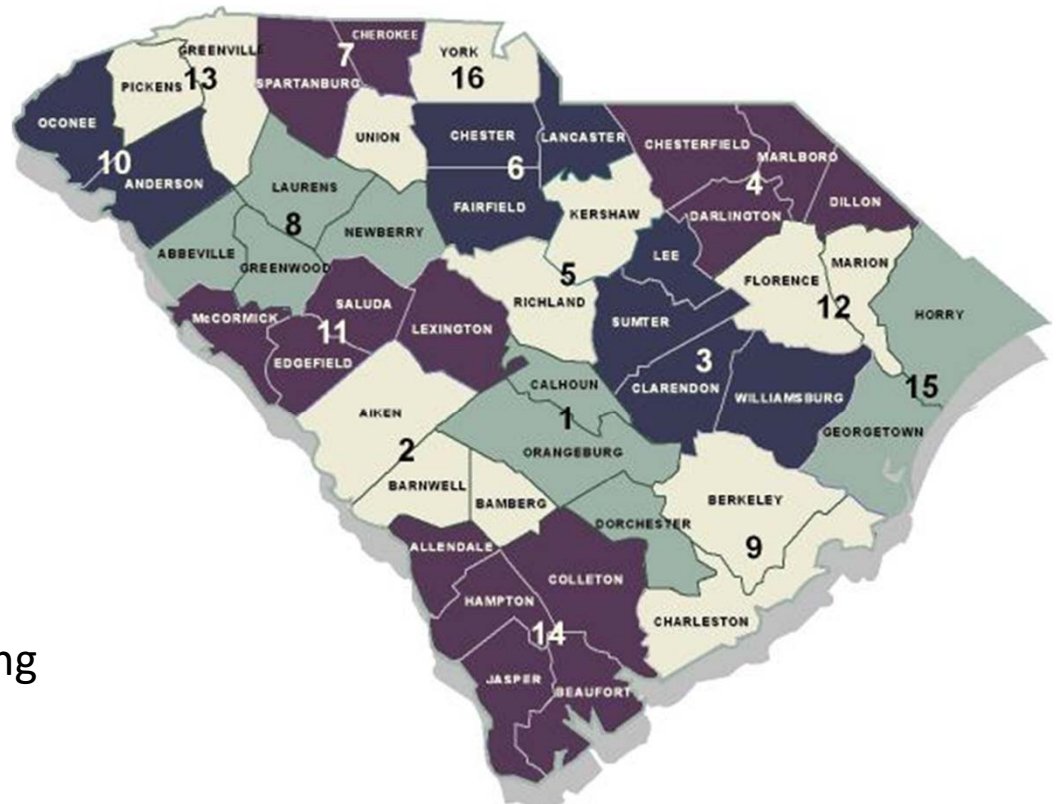


State Board of Education (SBE)

Composed of 17 members

- 16 appointed from each of the state's respective judicial circuits by the legislative delegation.
- One appointed directly by the governor.
- Serve four-year terms.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, with no meeting held in July.



SBE - Committees

Policy and
Legislative

Innovation
and Finance

Standards,
Learning, and
Accountability

Education
Professions

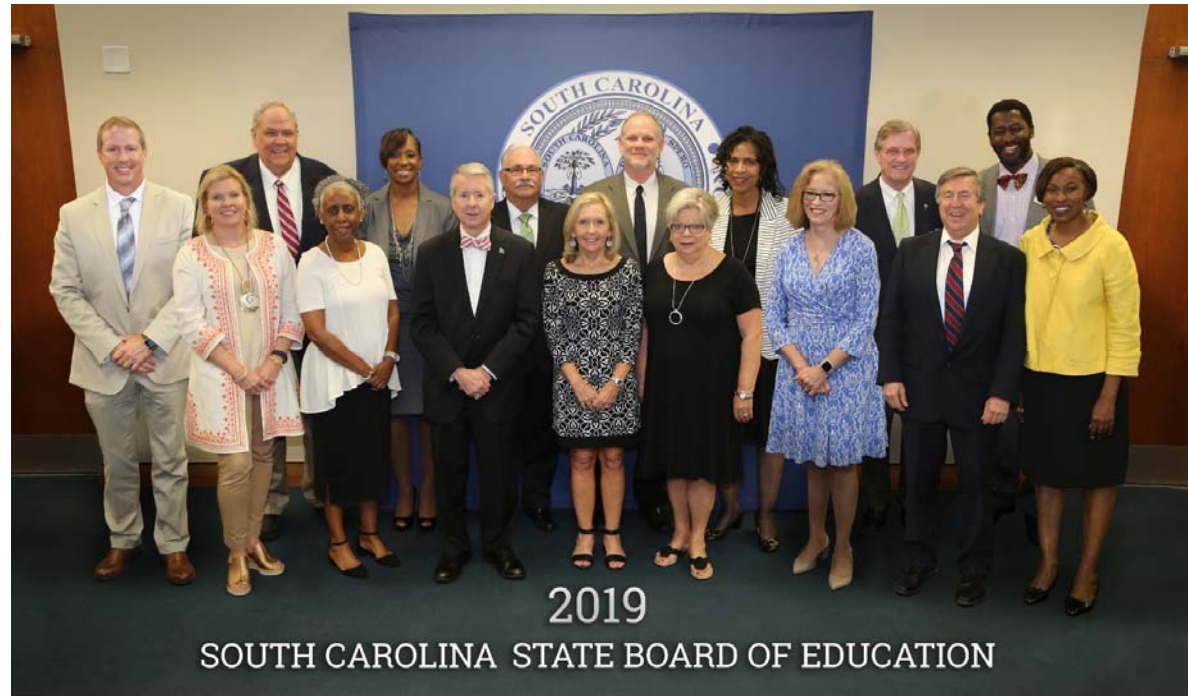
Educator
Licensure
Cases

Each committee is
comprised of four SBE
members with one
member acting as the chair
of the committee.



SBE – Current Board Members

1st Circuit: Jon Butzon
2nd Circuit: Del-Gratia Jones (C)
3rd Circuit: Dr. Janice Gamble
4th Circuit: Cathy Chapman
5th Circuit: Vacant
6th Circuit: Dr. J.R. Green
7th Circuit: Carl Hinze
8th Circuit: Dr. Cynthia Downs
9th Circuit: Lawrence Kobrovsky
10th Circuit: Debbie Howard
11th Circuit: J. Steven English
12th Circuit: Jean Pearson
13th Circuit: David Whittemore
14th Circuit: Valaree Smith
15th Circuit: Trevor Strawderman
16th Circuit: Dr. Kristi Woodall
Governor's Appointee: Mike Brenan



Agency Head – Qualifications and Duties



- 1895 Constitution of South Carolina
- S.C. Code Ann. §59-3-10. Appointment, compensation, and qualifications of State Superintendent of Education.
- S.C. Code Ann. §59-3-20. Vacancy in Office.
- S.C. Code Ann. §59-3-30. General Duties.
 - ✓ Secretary to the State Board of Education
 - ✓ Management of all public school funds provided by the State or Federal Government
 - ✓ Organize, staff, and administer a State Department of Education
 - ✓ Keep public informed as to problems and needs of the public schools
 - ✓ Provide professional improvement opportunities for teachers
 - ✓ Administer all policies and procedures adopted by the State Board of Education.
 - ✓ Other responsibilities as prescribed in law.



Molly Spearman – Background

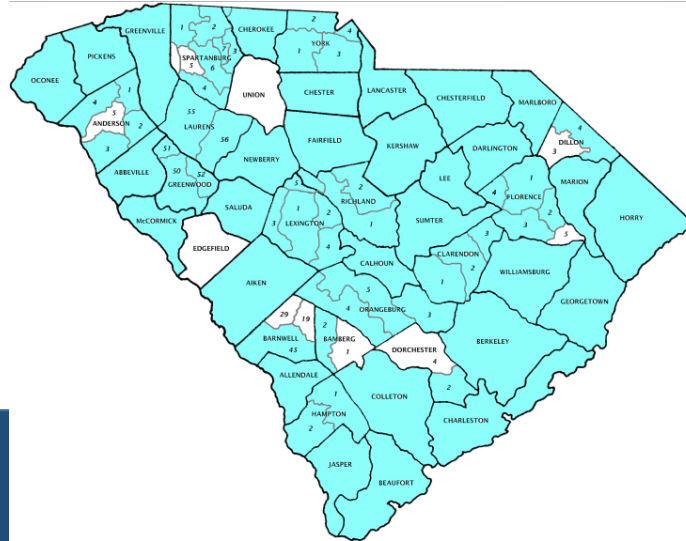
- Elected as the 18th South Carolina State Superintendent on November 4, 2014 and re-elected to a second term on November 6, 2018.
- 18 years as a public school music teacher and assistant principal.
- Served four terms as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives; six years as a Deputy Superintendent of the SCDE, and ten years as the executive director of SCASA.
- B.A. Degree in music education from Lander University; a Master's Degree in education supervision from George Washington University; an Education Specialist degree from the University of South Carolina



School Visits and Speaking Engagements



Visited over 150 schools
around the state.
Over 360 speaking
engagements.



History

1811: Act authorizing the creation of schools in each district.

1868: State Department of Education officially founded; State Constitution of 1868.

- “Uniform system of public schools”
- Justus K. Jillson is elected first state Superintendent of Education.

1870: School Act of 1869-70.

1895: State Constitution of 1895 was ratified; made significant changes to education system.

- Established the State Board of Education, established different specifications for the school districts, and provided for district funding through bonds.

1920: Department of Education begins teacher certification.

1947-1954: Supreme Court rules segregation unconstitutional.

1950s-1960s: Department of Education begins to play increasing role in administering federal funds.

1951-1955: Consolidation of school districts

1966: Department of Education moves into Rutledge Building.

1970-71: South Carolina schools fully desegregated.

1973: Article XI of the state constitution amended.



History Continued

1977: Education Finance Act

1979: Educator Improvement Act

1984: Education Improvement Act

1989: General Assembly passes Target 2000

1990s: Department of Education takes over Allendale School District: first district takeover by Department

1993: Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act

1994: School-to-Work Transition Act

1996: South Carolina Charter Schools Act

1998: Education Accountability Act

1999: Uniform Grading System goes into effect

2005: Education and Economic Development Act

2006: South Carolina adopts ADEPT model of teaching evaluation based on specified performance standards



History Continued

2014: *Abbeville v. State* decided

2017: Department of Education declares State of Emergency Allendale School District

2018: Department of Education:

- Declares State of Emergency in Florence School District Four
- Declares State of Emergency in Williamsburg School District
- Implements a reorganization of the agency

2019:

- As of January 1, the last 1995 school bus was removed from the road.
- Safety vision adopted by SLED, DMH, and SCDE:
 - By 2022, an SRO and Mental Health Counselor shall be placed in every school.
- Department of Education declares State of Fiscal Emergency in Sumter School District

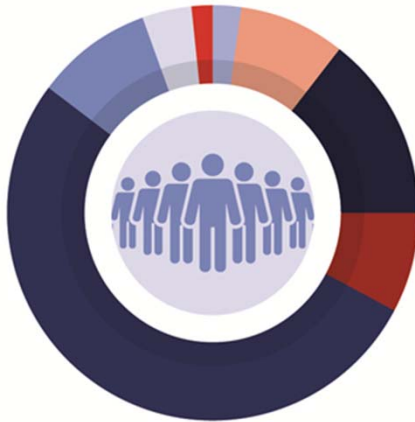


Organizational Chart



Employee Overview

TOTAL EMPLOYEES
Total FTEs: 854
As of end of Fiscal Year 17-18



Division of Legal Affairs	20
Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources	72
Division of College and Career Readiness	122
Division of Data, Technology, and Agency Operations	66
Division of District Operations and Support	449
Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement	78
Chief Finance Office	33
Office of Superintendent	14



Note: 366 employees within the Division of District Operations and Support are within the Office of Transportation and are located at one of the county bus shop locations.



Finance Overview

FY 2017-2018

\$4,677,280,096

Pass Through \$: 94.31%

FY 2016-2017

\$4,537,021,490

Pass Through \$: 93.83%

FY 2015-2016

\$4,083,347,367

Pass Through \$: 93.85%



General Fund \$3,251,710,492

Earmarked \$38,575,638

Restricted \$831,898,773

Federal \$874,838,744



Compliance

- S.C. Code Ann. §2-1-230 that requires agencies to submit reports to Legislative Services Agency for publication online, and the State Library.
 - ✓ All reports available for posting have been submitted to LSA.
- Regulations:
 - The Department revises regulations annually with last submission being in 2018.
 - No formal report to the Code Commissioner has been submitted by the Department.
- Records Management:
 - ✓ Currently meeting policy requirements.



Roles and Responsibilities to Counterparts

United States Department of Education

- Provide funding to the State Department.
- Monitor federal programs the State Department oversees.
- Implement and ensure compliance with all Federal regulations, laws, and guidelines.

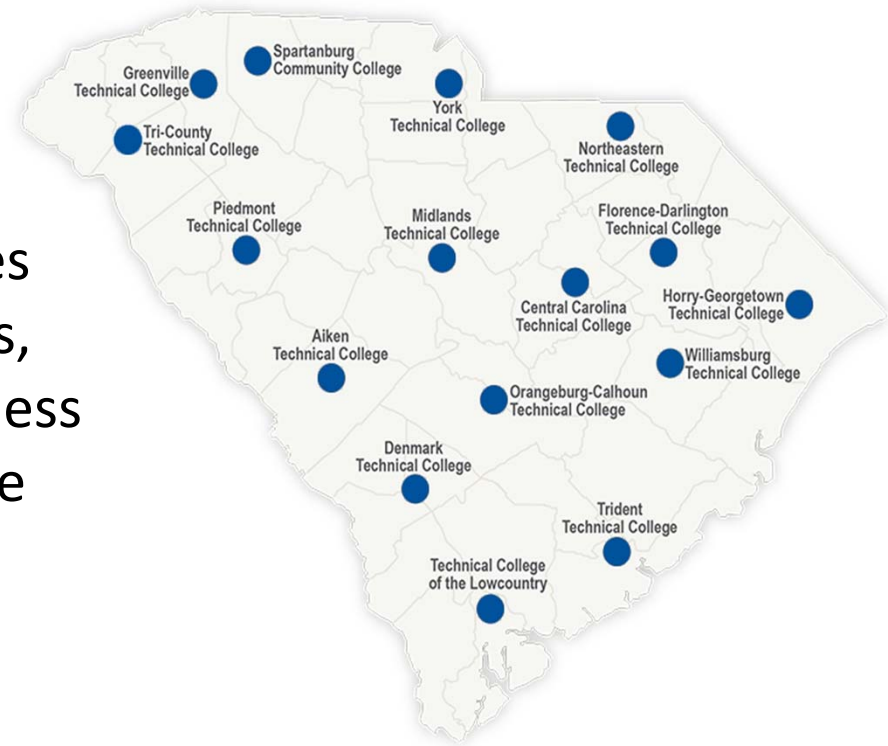
Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

- Pass through state education funds directly to LEAs.
- Provide and oversee subgrants of federal funds.
- Offer support to LEAs through development of standards, procurement of statewide assessments, technical assistance, school transportation, professional development, and evaluation of teaching.



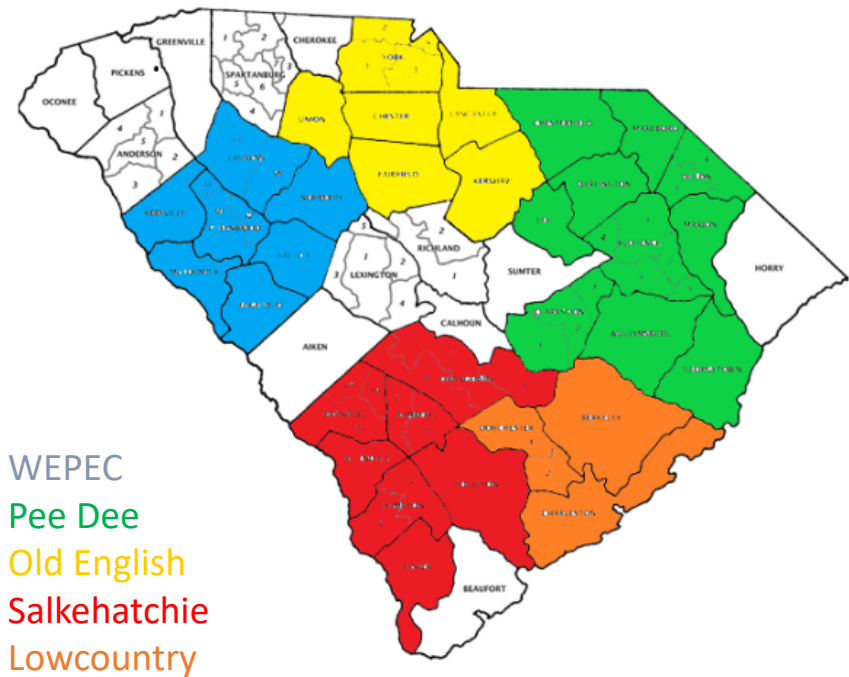
SC Technical College Partnerships

The SCDE works with these colleges on ReadySC, youth apprenticeships, post secondary success and readiness as well as collaborates around state and federal opportunities.



Partnerships with Education Consortiums

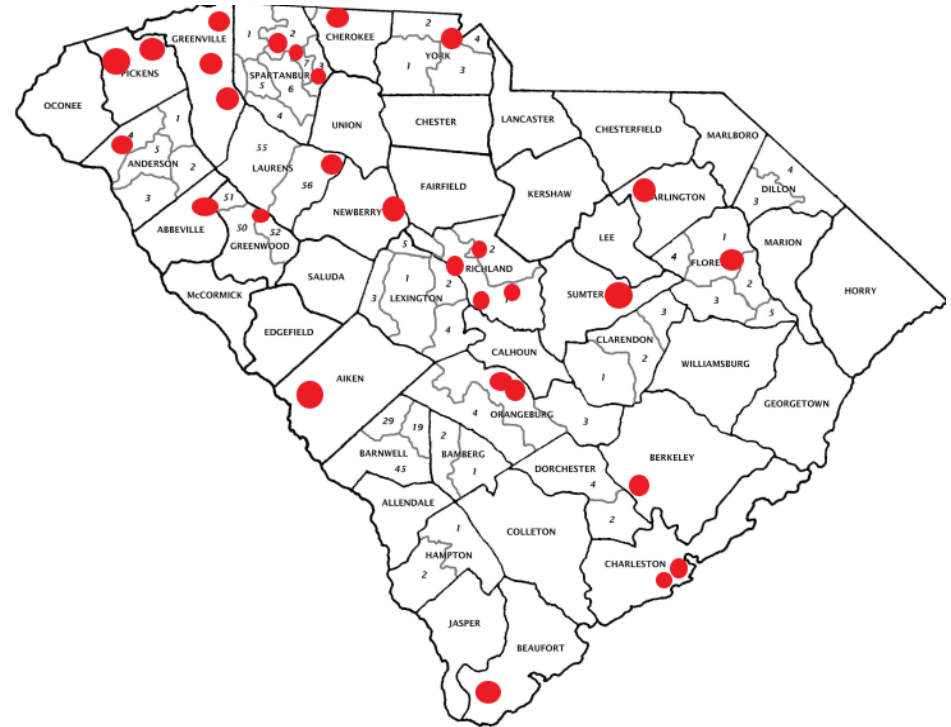
- Western Piedmont Education Consortium
- Pee Dee Education Consortium
- Old English Education Consortium
- Salkehatchie Education Consortium
- Lowcountry Education Consortium



Partnerships with Educator Preparation Programs

Anderson University
Benedict College
Bob Jones University
Charleston South University
Claflin University
Clemson University
Coker College
College of Charleston
Columbia College
Columbia International University
Converse College
Erskine College
Francis Marion University
Furman University
Lander University

Limestone College
Morris College
Newberry College
North Greenville University
Presbyterian College
SC State University
Southern Wesleyan
The Citadel
USC-Aiken
USC-Beaufort
USC-Columbia
USC-Upstate
Winthrop University
Wofford College



Agency Successes

School Safety

- School Bus Replacement
 - Secured over \$100,000,000 in funding to modernize the bus fleet.
 - VW Settlement Funds
- School Resource Officers
 - FY 2019 - \$2,000,000 funded 38 SROs
 - FY 2020 - \$10,000,000 funded an additional 190-210 SROs
- Mental Health Training/Counselors/Threat Assessment
 - Collaboration with DMH and SLED
 - Stakeholder Group and Trainings

Teacher Support

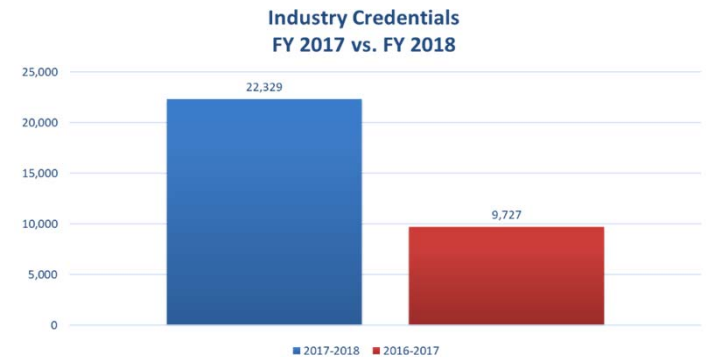
- Salary Increase
 - Starting salary for a first year teacher with a Bachelor's degree increased from \$29,523 to \$35,000.
 - Requested an additional 5% increase for FY 2021
- Reduction of Paperwork
 - Office of Federal and State Accountability working to streamline reporting requirements.
 - Paperwork Reduction and Streamlining Report



Agency Successes Continued

Student Outcomes and Improved Technical Assistance

- Increased and Improved Technical Assistance to Low Performing Schools
 - Office of School Transformation has supported 38 low-performing Priority Schools
 - Districts under a State of Emergency
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
 - 17,834 students who are CTE completers; 2,500 obtained dual credit
 - 98% graduation rate for CTE completers
 - 122,400 students have had work-based learning experiences/apprenticeships



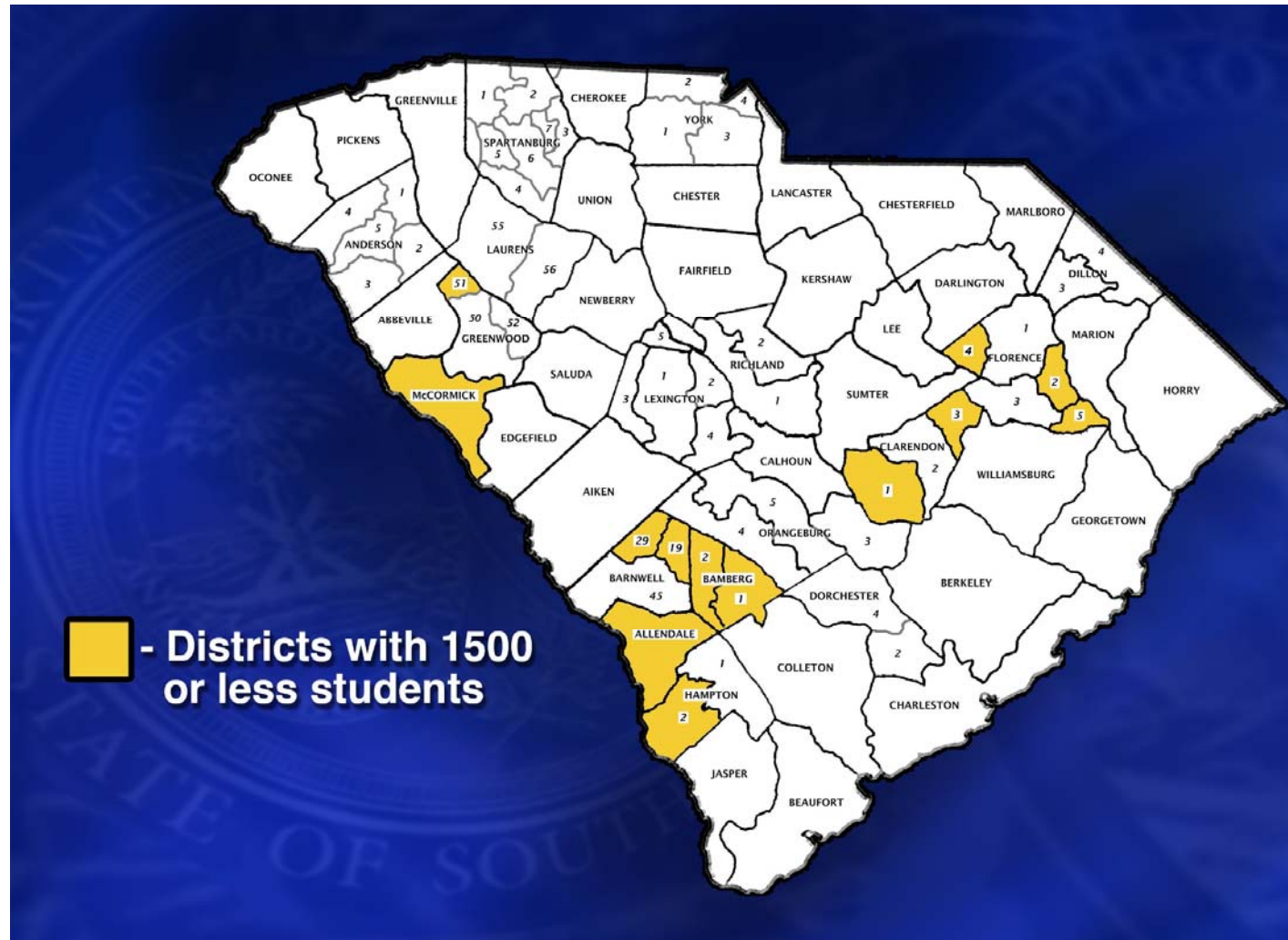
Agency Successes - Consolidation & Shared Services

- Districts entering shared service agreements to provide students with additional opportunities and save money
 - McCormick & Abbeville
 - Florence 1, 2, & 4
 - Saluda and Lexington Three
 - The Continuum
- \$50 million appropriated for school district capital improvement to support costs associated with consolidation
 - Salary, debt, transportation, millage



13 Districts with 1500 or Less Students

- Allendale County — 1,159 students
- Bamberg 1 (Bamberg-Ehrhardt) — 1,366
- Bamberg 2 (Denmark-Olar) — 655
- Barnwell 19 (Blackville-Hilda) — 597
- Barnwell 29 (Williston-Elko) — 897
- Clarendon 1 (Summerton) — 764
- Clarendon 3 (Turbeville) — 1,266
- Florence 2 (Hannah-Pamplico) — 1,144
- Florence 4 (Timmonsville) — 689
- Florence 5 (Johnsonville) — 1,227
- Greenwood 51 (Ware Shoals) — 941
- Hampton 2 (Estill) — 711
- McCormick County — 780



Agency Challenges

Student Outcomes

- Implementation of Read to Succeed
 - Palmetto Literacy Project
 - Literacy Coaches
 - By 2035, 90% of students scoring at a Level 2 or higher on ELA State Assessment

Teacher Retention and Recruitment

- CERRA – 5,000 educators leaving classroom each year.
- Salary Increases
- School and District Leadership; Parent Involvement; Student Behavior
- Burdensome paperwork

Meeting the Needs of Ever-changing Workforce

- Profile of the South Carolina Graduate
- Ensuring all students have access to high quality instruction and courses they need.
- Rural districts

Possible Changes to Education Funding Model

- Impact on amount of funding received by districts.
- Ensuring increase of programs and services afforded to students while reducing administrative costs.



Agency Emerging Issues

Data Systems and Infrastructure

- Identify ways to target funding as well as recruit, retain, and support educators by gathering, analyzing, and reporting accurate data in a timely fashion.

Serving Additional Underperforming Schools and Districts

- Diagnostic Review costs
- Transformation coaches
- Desire of agency to continue same level of high quality interventions and services currently provided to low performing schools and districts.

Instructional Materials Replacement

- Should run concurrently with the update of state academic standards.
- Prioritize areas and base allocations on such areas.
- No partially funded areas.
- Ensuring all references to Common Core State Standards are removed.
- FY 2021 Budget Request: \$100 Million



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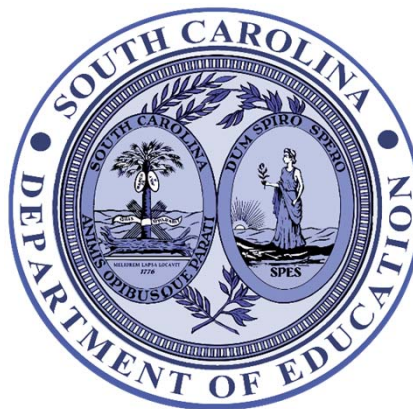
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