



State of South Carolina
Office of the State Inspector General

December 1, 2025

The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander
President of the Senate
South Carolina Senate
213 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House
South Carolina House of Representatives
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Annual Report of Public School and Interscholastic Sports Investigations by the Office of the State Inspector General for Calendar Year 2025

Dear President Alexander and Speaker Smith:

I am pleased to provide to each of you and the members of the South Carolina General Assembly the annual report of public school and interscholastic sports investigations conducted by the Office of the State Inspector General (SIG), which is a statutory requirement pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, §1-6-35 (D).

Act No. 223 of 2022 provided for the circumstances by which the SIG may investigate certain public schools and interscholastic sports associations. SC Code of Laws, §1-6-35 (A) provides that, the SIG may only initiate an investigation of a "... public school district... upon the request of: (1) the Governor, (2) the State Superintendent of Education, or (3) the weighted majority of the membership of the legislative delegation of the county in which the subject of the investigation is located."

The SIG received two written requests from the State Superintendent of Education for the investigation of South Carolina public school districts in calendar year 2025, and completed one investigation initiated in 2024. The following table sets forth the number of requests made to the SIG along with the status of these investigations and/or requests.

| CALENDAR YEAR 2025 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Requests Received | Date of Request | Investigation Initiated | Public School District | Status of Investigation |
| State Superintendent of Education | 8/2/2024 | 8/5/2024 | Jasper County School District (initiated in 2024) | Investigation completed. Report issued 7/13/2025. |
| State Superintendent of Education (*) | 5/20/2025 | 6/4/2025 | Public School District (*) | Investigation pending. |
| State Superintendent of Education (*) | 7/10/2025 | 7/21/2025 | Public School District (*) | Investigation pending. |

*Confidential per SC Code of Laws, §1-6-35 (E)

The investigation of the Jasper County School District resulted in the issuance of eighteen (18) findings and twenty-five (25) recommendations in the areas of fiscal affairs, mismanagement, employee misconduct, and violations of state or federal law, and wrongdoing. The report may be reviewed at the following link: [Financial Review and Conflict of Interest Investigation of Jasper County School District](#).

Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, §1-6-35 (A), the SIG has completed the following six investigations, issued 90 recommendations, and identified nearly \$35 million in waste.

SIG Investigation Reports Published; Waste Identified & Recommendations Issued

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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| CY2022 | Richland School District Two | \$341,870 | 26 |
| CY2023 | School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties | \$156,618 | 4 |
| CY2023 | Clarendon County School District | \$1,154,739 | 10 |
| CY2024 | Laurens County School District | \$973,751 | 17 |
| CY2024 | Richland County School District One | \$31,362,540 | 8 |
| CY2025 | Jasper County School District | \$892,990 | 25 |
| | Waste Identified/Recommendations Issued | \$34,882,508 | 90 |

I am available to answer your questions or provide a more detailed briefing on these matters at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to call me (803/896-1287).

Sincerely,



Brian D. Lamkin
State Inspector General

CC: The Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, and
The Honorable Ellen Weaver, State Superintendent of Education