



*based on 2009 - 10 audited revenue figures

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The state levies a uniform millage (SUM) rate of 100 mills on all taxable property (does not include homestead property) statewide in each school district. Millage rates currently vary across the state, ranging from 302 mills in Hampton Two to 90.3 mills in Beaufort County. Lowering the millage rate to 100 mills statewide is estimated to generate about \$1.3 billion for schools and provide the following:

- more than **\$600 million in tax relief** to businesses, industries and other non-owner occupied properties and automobiles, boats, etc.
- a level “playing field” for school districts to recruit and encourage business and economic growth
- a stable and sound revenue source for schools to better manage budgetary dips in the economy
- limits on the local government’s ability to negotiate away school property taxes through business incentives such as fee-in-lieu of taxes (FILOT) and multi-county parks

2

All state revenues including Education Finance Act (EFA) funding, FILOT, Homestead Exemption Fund (HEF), some of the Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds and other state funds are combined. This would simplify funding to districts by reducing about 70 separate state funding sources to 12 and allowing districts more flexibility to use the funds for programs and services that best meet the needs of their students. This is estimated to be a little more than \$3 billion.

3

By reducing the millage rates to 100 mills it will be necessary for the state to balance or make up the difference between what is now generated by property taxes statewide for schools and what the SUM would generate. This is estimated to be about \$612 million.

Base student funding (BSF) - the amount of funding allocated to every school district - is determined by totalling all of the state funds and dividing it on a Weighted Pupil Units (WPU) formula. This is estimated to be \$5,295 per student. WPU are weightings assigned to students for various factors including grade level, poverty, gifted and talented, special needs and more. SCJET uses WPU recommended by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.

4

To ensure that those districts currently spending more than the estimated \$5,295 BSF do not receive less funding than they currently receive, transition funding or hold harmless funds will be necessary. This is estimated to be about \$335 million.

5

Funding for education programs not included in the rollup funds (see number 2) are retained as separate, categorical funds. These are funds are not allocated based on a per pupil basis and include things such as transportation, national board teacher certification stipends, retiree insurance and 4K.

6

Local school boards would have the authority to levy local millage of up to 8% of the assessed value of taxable property, excluding owner-occupied property (4%) as required by Act 388, to fund district operations above what the state allocates. This is similar to the authority boards now have to funding capital expenses (8% constitutional debt limit).

7

Local school boards wanting to go above the 8% limit would be required to call for a referendum seeking voter approval. If approved, the property tax millage would apply to ALL property including homestead or 4% property, which is the same as local referenda under the constitutional debt section.

South Carolina Jobs, Education and Tax act of 2013 (SCJET) Allocation of Funding To School Districts

School district	Actual FY '10 Funding	EOC WPU's	Estimated Funding Based on EFRA'	Reduction in Operating Millage	Board Approved 8% Flexibility	Total Tax Reduction
Abbeville	\$21,143,990	4,220	\$22,343,877	71	\$2,544,067	\$2,818,341
Aiken	\$146,578,287	31,270	\$165,581,177	38	\$24,740,097	\$13,812,455
Allendale ²	\$14,477,895	2,153	\$14,477,895	156	\$1,131,517	\$2,755,445
Anderson One	\$49,315,424	11,703	\$61,971,270	34	\$6,964,320	\$3,201,198
Anderson Two	\$21,689,473	5,060	\$26,792,425	81	\$2,331,485	\$2,636,582
Anderson Three	\$15,650,793	3,582	\$18,967,884	60	\$1,712,763	\$1,586,356
Anderson Four ²	\$21,481,972	3,729	\$21,481,972	58	\$4,364,793	\$3,365,629
Anderson Five	\$78,658,045	16,138	\$85,452,357	70	\$13,462,078	\$12,031,818
Bamberg One ²	\$10,401,242	1,946	\$10,401,242	147	\$897,677	\$1,543,492
Bamberg Two ²	\$7,372,706	1,201	\$7,372,706	159	\$663,666	\$1,258,589
Barnwell 19	\$5,767,222	1,141	\$6,041,415	59	\$535,596	\$526,542
Barnwell 29	\$6,019,439	1,345	\$7,124,348	69	\$710,823	\$869,449
Barnwell 45	\$15,620,305	3,316	\$17,560,828	73	\$1,523,235	\$1,465,248
Beaufort ^{2 3}	\$174,274,131	25,294	\$174,274,131	5	\$117,077,623	\$6,368,585
Berkeley	\$183,088,103	37,141	\$196,670,811	38	\$34,129,141	\$17,486,001
Calhoun ²	\$14,008,975	2,237	\$14,008,975	29	\$2,986,905	\$2,294,150
Charleston ^{2 3}	\$320,765,908	53,094	\$320,765,908	5	\$150,220,802	\$10,768,940
Cherokee	\$58,255,074	11,738	\$62,157,239	67	\$7,820,665	\$7,958,354
Chester	\$36,399,376	7,092	\$37,555,516	82	\$4,661,891	\$5,929,804
Chesterfield	\$47,494,718	10,310	\$54,592,696	69	\$5,856,633	\$6,292,178
Clarendon One	\$6,238,090	1,212	\$6,419,655	13	\$1,957,373	\$402,092
Clarendon Two	\$17,050,559	4,300	\$22,767,869	19	\$2,763,059	\$671,700
Clarendon Three	\$6,853,619	1,606	\$8,505,987	160	\$425,655	\$740,047
Colleton	\$36,925,530	8,406	\$44,512,005	4	\$10,165,614	\$798,521
Darlington	\$78,580,574	14,892	\$78,857,958	69	\$10,913,478	\$10,533,718
Dillion One	\$4,662,232	1,134	\$6,005,566	36	\$452,474	\$169,740
Dillion Two	\$17,976,354	4,622	\$24,476,119	36	\$2,509,572	\$1,453,241
Dillion Three	\$8,551,129	2,161	\$11,441,255	36	\$815,448	\$442,701
Dorchester Two	\$131,970,674	28,059	\$148,578,629	65	\$16,588,018	\$15,137,094
Dorchester Four ²	\$20,643,500	2,915	\$20,643,500	139	\$2,702,012	\$5,660,451
Edgefield	\$26,404,660	5,222	\$27,650,045	89	\$3,290,354	\$4,068,616
Fairfield ²	\$33,061,225	4,238	\$33,061,225	103	\$7,730,007	\$10,065,067
Florence One	\$106,715,483	20,338	\$107,695,253	72	\$18,243,549	\$17,057,351
Florence Two	\$6,862,370	1,720	\$9,108,853	74	\$737,015	\$613,855
Florence Three	\$21,554,781	4,955	\$26,236,846	74	\$2,512,327	\$2,814,244
Florence Four	\$5,421,291	1,185	\$6,276,577	35	\$786,563	\$348,311
Florence Five	\$8,118,032	1,986	\$10,518,609	126	\$598,466	\$1,199,970
Georgetown ^{2 3}	\$71,914,493	12,792	\$71,914,493	5	\$32,437,517	\$3,319,032
Greenville	\$412,140,987	91,359	\$483,768,081	14	\$87,524,787	\$20,061,221
Greenwood 50	\$56,237,395	11,719	\$62,055,888	66	\$8,733,266	\$8,140,899
Greenwood 51	\$7,590,554	1,519	\$8,041,381	117	\$619,788	\$955,087
Greenwood 52 ²	\$12,625,069	2,107	\$12,625,069	25	\$1,161,873	\$921,723
Hampton 1	\$16,649,221	3,333	\$17,646,452	102	\$1,716,680	\$2,095,855
Hampton 2 ²	\$9,082,978	1,541	\$9,082,978	202	\$764,610	\$1,904,452
Horry ²	\$288,413,916	49,493	\$288,413,916	19	\$124,169,639	\$29,343,386
Jasper ²	\$23,545,426	4,388	\$23,545,426	29	\$6,565,273	\$2,361,324
Kershaw	\$63,362,433	13,380	\$70,852,479	54	\$8,847,235	\$6,652,938

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School district	Actual FY '10 Funding	EOC WPU's	Estimated Funding Based on EFRA ¹	Reduction in Operating Millage	Board Approved 8% Flexibility	Total Tax Reduction
Lancaster	\$69,928,608	15,133	\$80,133,480	34	\$12,492,346	\$5,984,963
Laurens 55	\$34,628,052	7,760	\$41,089,731	62	\$4,469,142	\$3,868,863
Laurens 56	\$18,828,012	4,240	\$22,450,736	62	\$2,336,553	\$1,968,327
Lee	\$14,809,620	3,354	\$17,760,565	48	\$1,897,256	\$1,184,840
Lexington 1 ²	\$166,819,547	28,093	\$166,819,547	142	\$17,191,254	\$29,879,047
Lexington 2	\$60,561,091	11,954	\$63,301,863	49	\$12,104,080	\$7,821,798
Lexington 3 ²	\$16,357,361	2,714	\$16,357,361	152	\$2,090,942	\$4,088,444
Lexington 4	\$20,700,323	4,485	\$23,750,298	167	\$1,489,829	\$3,066,743
Lexington 5 ²	\$134,201,442	21,302	\$134,201,442	113	\$17,965,662	\$24,683,077
McCormick	\$8,350,561	1,123	\$8,350,561	28	\$2,123,147	\$751,704
Marion 1	\$15,748,550	3,791	\$20,072,529	60	\$1,950,243	\$1,539,024
Marion 2	\$10,636,645	2,542	\$13,459,173	60	\$1,186,802	\$914,723
Marion 7	\$5,025,211	978	\$5,179,611	93	\$563,010	\$579,455
Marlboro	\$29,179,265	6,163	\$32,637,173	85	\$3,050,817	\$3,448,430
Newberry ²	\$41,674,173	7,823	\$41,674,173	94	\$5,604,660	\$6,860,561
Oconee ²	\$82,689,723	14,048	\$82,689,723	11	\$28,641,957	\$4,513,837
Orangeburg 3	\$22,033,670	4,176	\$22,113,745	98	\$3,483,454	\$3,825,351
Orangeburg 4	\$25,716,622	5,238	\$27,736,358	69	\$3,945,241	\$3,188,423
Orangeburg 5 ²	\$53,743,050	8,878	\$53,743,050	124	\$7,674,570	\$13,216,217
Pickens	\$93,720,670	21,109	\$111,777,740	9	\$20,260,418	\$2,764,476
Richland 1 ²	\$243,517,210	32,190	\$243,517,210	131	\$42,649,446	\$68,795,442
Richland 2 ²	\$191,933,614	31,498	\$191,933,614	150	\$21,481,134	\$39,074,873
Saluda	\$13,155,465	2,803	\$14,841,024	24	\$2,160,776	\$720,775
Spartanburg 1 ²	\$35,102,066	6,511	\$35,102,066	100	\$3,373,167	\$4,485,349
Spartanburg 2	\$60,513,272	12,428	\$65,807,262	76	\$6,857,355	\$7,035,798
Spartanburg 3 ²	\$22,999,685	3,994	\$22,999,685	132	\$2,482,411	\$6,133,309
Spartanburg 4	\$18,092,962	3,889	\$20,595,859	91	\$2,012,933	\$2,568,004
Spartanburg 5 ²	\$60,790,726	9,755	\$60,790,726	99	\$8,966,485	\$13,067,735
Spartanburg 6	\$68,936,162	13,485	\$71,404,669	59	\$11,735,600	\$10,864,700
Spartanburg 7 ²	\$60,374,622	9,863	\$60,374,622	97	\$10,275,797	\$13,129,021
Sumter 2	\$48,336,526	11,452	\$60,643,166	54	\$6,403,544	\$5,953,103
Sumter 17	\$48,678,990	11,011	\$58,307,003	48	\$7,911,760	\$5,149,865
Union	\$26,233,629	6,088	\$32,238,970	20	\$2,742,630	\$1,119,703
Williamsburg	\$32,587,908	7,246	\$38,367,227	32	\$3,937,974	\$1,643,745
York 1	\$34,748,216	6,744	\$35,709,642	85	\$3,968,168	\$4,512,132
York 2 ²	\$58,505,962	7,850	\$58,505,962	77	\$16,822,906	\$15,611,237
York 3	\$118,556,444	22,640	\$119,886,635	68	\$17,929,386	\$17,708,234
York 4 ²	\$67,270,453	11,980	\$67,270,453	68	\$10,403,663	\$9,858,256
	\$4,883,301,761	920,624	\$5,209,891,440			\$604,481,375

Notes:

¹ Full Implementation

² Receives Transition Funds

³ Millage rate already below 100 and is reduced by 5 mills from current level

Current Allocations per WPU

School District	Actual Funding FY '10
Fairfield	\$7,802
Richland 1	\$7,565
York 2	\$7,453
McCormick	\$7,436
Dorchester Four	\$7,082
Beaufort	\$6,890
Allendale	\$6,723
Lexington 5	\$6,300
Calhoun	\$6,262
Spartanburg 5	\$6,232
Bamberg Two	\$6,137
Spartanburg 7	\$6,121
Richland 2	\$6,093
Orangeburg 5	\$6,054
Charleston	\$6,042
Lexington 3	\$6,027
Greenwood 52	\$5,993
Lexington 1	\$5,938
Hampton 2	\$5,893
Oconee	\$5,886
Horry	\$5,827
Anderson Four	\$5,760
Spartanburg 3	\$5,759
Georgetown	\$5,622
York 4	\$5,615
Spartanburg 1	\$5,391
Jasper	\$5,366
Bamberg One	\$5,344
Newberry	\$5,327
State Average	\$5,295
Darlington	\$5,277
Orangeburg 3	\$5,276
Florence One	\$5,247
York 3	\$5,237
York 1	\$5,153
Clarendon One	\$5,145
Marion 7	\$5,137
Chester	\$5,132
Spartanburg 6	\$5,112
Lexington 2	\$5,066
Edgefield	\$5,057
Barnwell 19	\$5,055
Abbeville	\$5,011
Greenwood 51	\$4,998
Hampton 1	\$4,996
Cherokee	\$4,963
Berkeley	\$4,930
Orangeburg 4	\$4,910
Anderson Five	\$4,874
Spartanburg 2	\$4,869
Greenwood 50	\$4,799
Kershaw	\$4,735
Marlboro	\$4,734
Barnwell 45	\$4,710
Dorchester Two	\$4,703
Saluda	\$4,694
Aiken	\$4,688
Spartanburg 4	\$4,652
Lancaster	\$4,621
Lexington 4	\$4,615
Chesterfield	\$4,607
Florence Four	\$4,574
Greenville	\$4,511
Williamsburg	\$4,498
Barnwell 29	\$4,474
Laurens 55	\$4,463
Laurens 56	\$4,441
Pickens	\$4,440
Sumter 17	\$4,421
Lee	\$4,415
Colleton	\$4,393
Anderson Three	\$4,369
Florence Three	\$4,350
Union	\$4,309
Anderson Two	\$4,287
Clarendon Three	\$4,267
Sumter 2	\$4,221
Anderson One	\$4,214
Marion 2	\$4,185
Marion 1	\$4,155
Dillion One	\$4,111
Florence Five	\$4,087
Florence Two	\$3,989
Clarendon Two	\$3,966
Dillion Three	\$3,958
Dillion Two	\$3,889

Operating Millage Rates

School District	Operating Millage FY '10
Hampton 2	302.0
Lexington 4	267.3
Clarendon Three	259.6
Bamberg Two	258.9
Allendale	256.0
Lexington 3	251.9
Richland 2	250.3
Bamberg One	246.8
Lexington 1	242.0
Dorchester Four	238.7
Spartanburg 3	232.2
Richland 1	231.4
Florence Five	226.1
Orangeburg 5	224.3
Greenwood 51	217.3
Lexington 5	212.5
Fairfield	203.1
Hampton 1	202.0
Spartanburg 1	199.8
Spartanburg 5	198.8
Orangeburg 3	198.0
Spartanburg 7 **	197.2
Newberry	194.0
Marion 7	193.0
Spartanburg 4	191.0
Edgefield	188.7
Marlboro	185.3
York 1	184.6
Chester	182.2
Anderson Two	180.9
York 2	177.0
Spartanburg 2	176.3
Florence Three	174.0
Florence Two	173.9
Barnwell 45	173.0
Florence One	171.7
State Average	171.7
Abbeville	170.8
Anderson Five	169.6
Chesterfield	169.1
Orangeburg 4	169.0
Barnwell 29	168.7
Darlington	168.7
York 4	168.4
York 3	167.9
Cherokee	166.9
Greenwood 50	165.5
Dorchester Two	165.0
Laurens 55	161.5
Laurens 56	161.5
Marion 1	160.0
Marion 2	160.0
Anderson Three	159.8
Barnwell 19	159.3
Spartanburg 6	158.6
Anderson Four	158.1
Kershaw	153.8
Sumter 2	153.5
Lexington 2	148.9
Lee	148.0
Sumter 17	147.7
Berkeley	137.9
Aiken	137.5
Dillion One	136.3
Dillion Two	136.3
Dillion Three	136.3
Florence Four	135.1
Anderson One	133.6
Lancaster	133.5
Williamsburg	132.0
Calhoun	129.0
Jasper	129.0
McCormick	127.9
Greenwood 52	125.4
Saluda	123.9
Union	119.9
Clarendon Two	119.3
Horry	119.3
Greenville	114.2
Clarendon One	113.3
Oconee	111.4
Pickens	109.0
Colleton	104.4
Georgetown	98.9
Charleston	98.7
Beaufort	90.3