

**SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2025 REGIONAL ADVOCACY MEETINGS**

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**THE MISSION OF SCSBA IS TO BE THE LEADING ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY PUBLIC
EDUCATION AND EQUIP SCHOOL BOARDS THROUGH TRAINING AND SERVICES.**



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Dinner & Door Prize

Jacelyn Arradaza

SCSBA Administrative Assistant for

Communications and Governmental Relations



Welcome

Scott Price

SCSBA Executive Director

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Greetings

Mr. Clay Sprouse

Chair, Greenwood School District 50



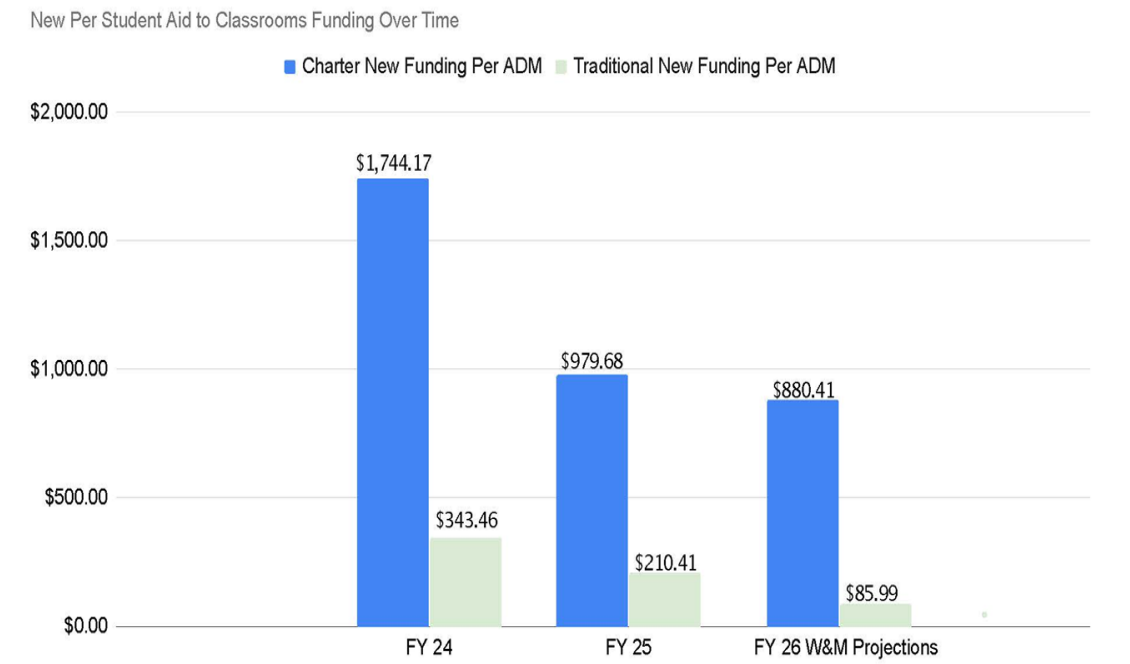
K12 funding and other issues in 2026

Debbie Elmore

SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations

Funding revisions

- Disproportionate distribution of “new” state funding to charter schools vs. traditional schools discovered in 2025
- Virtual charter school weighting decreased from 0.65 to 0.50
- Budget proviso 1.3 amended to direct RFA to **improve alignment** of State Aid to Classrooms funding **with student enrollment**, more **consistent distributions**, provide report by **December 1, 2025**.



<i>New Aid to Classrooms Funds Over Time</i>	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	
Total Allocation	\$324.3 million	\$200 million	\$112 million	
Charter Per Student	\$1,744.17	\$979.68	\$880.41	
Traditional Per Student	\$343.46	\$210.41	\$85.99	
Charter Multiplier	5.1 x	4.7 x	10.2 x	

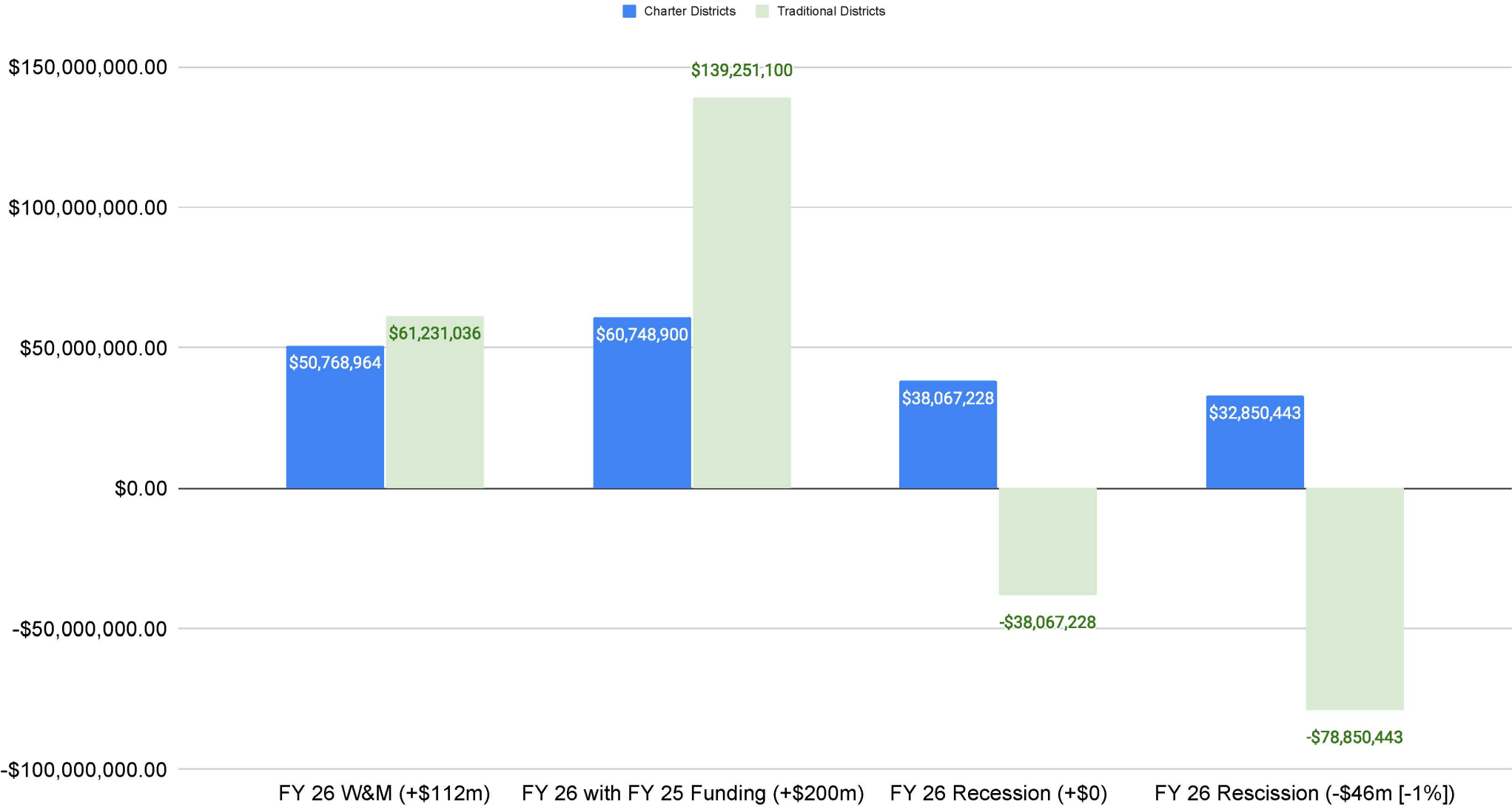
Bills still in play

- H.3645 - expands paid parental leave from the **current six weeks to 12 weeks** for birth or adoption of a child and from two weeks to four weeks for co-parents or for fostering a child. Passed the House and in Senate Finance Committee.
- H.3974 - allow private providers (e.g., ABA therapists) to deliver **medically necessary services** to students with autism spectrum disorder **during school hours in classroom**, under certain conditions and with appropriate oversight. Passed the House and in Senate Education Committee.
- H.3802 - expands and standardizes the rights of home school, charter school, and Governor's school students to participate in **extracurricular activities, and career and technical education (CTE)** within public school districts.

Bills still on the table

- S.416 – modifies the automatic, one-year expulsion of students who bring a firearm to school as follows: requires a finding that the student **“knowingly”** brought the gun to school. Board can modify year expulsion on **case-by-case basis**. Expelled students not precluded from receiving educational services in an alternative setting, to include **virtual programming**. Passed the Senate. In House Education Committee.
- H.3431 – authorizes public schools, along with parents and minors, to **notify online services** when students may be at risk of harm (such as compulsive use, psychological distress, or exposure to inappropriate features). Passed the House. Amended by Senate and returned to the House.

Projected Impact of Varied Funding Amounts Through Current Formula



Funding Scenarios

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Small Group Breakout Discussions

Challenges & Concerns

- What are the top challenges your board is currently facing?
- What local concerns keep coming up in your community or with parents?
- Are there policies or mandates that are creating unintended burdens for your district?

Successes & Strengths

- What successes or innovations in your district are you proud of?

Legislative & Policy Needs

- What issues do you think deserve more attention from the General Assembly?
- How is your district being affected by current education funding?

Support & Collaboration

- What support do you need most from SCSBA moving forward?

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**Collective issues
and ideas for
solutions**



Closing