



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

April 7, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Unused Facilities Data

One of the requirements of Act 2015-3, *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* (the Act), regarding public charter schools is a website publication by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) of unused school facilities statewide. The Act states: *The department shall publish the names and addresses of unused facilities on its website in a list that is searchable at least by each facility's name and address. This list shall be upgraded at least once a year by May 1.*

Under the Act an “unused facility” means “a school building or other local board of education owned building that is or could be appropriate for school use, in which more than 60 percent of the building is not being used for direct student instruction or critical administration purposes and for which no offer to purchase has been executed.” If a school system decides to sell or lease a closed or unused public school facility or property, a public charter school that draws its students from that school system has a right of first refusal under the Act to purchase or lease the property at or below fair market value.

In order for the ALSDE to comply with the annual requirement of website publication of unused facilities by May 1, 2023, each school system is requested to complete the Unused Facility Data Form through DocuSign. The form will be available at: <https://na4.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=e3c32834-1d02-46e6-95c4-4e17de008f61&env=na4&acct=0d0d5396-2e0a-4ad5-97e4-e591b723344b&v=2>

Please respond to this request no later than April 26, 2023. Should assistance be required, contact Dr. Brandon T. Payne at brandon.payne@alsde.edu or Ms. Jessica Ragan at jragan@alsde.edu or by telephone to the School Facilities Section at 334-694-4602.

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