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Sumter School District Response to the Office of the Inspector General's Investigation of Sumter School District's Funding, Procurement, and Construction of the Crestwood High School Athletic Field and Disposal of District Surplus Furniture

The State Inspector General (SIG) received a letter dated 5/20/2025 from the South Carolina State Superintendent of Education requesting that the SIG conduct an investigation of Sumter School District regarding the funding and procurement of the Crestwood High School athletic field construction and the turf upgrades (Crestwood Project), as well as the disposal of district furniture as it pertains to the state surplus property guidelines.

The District has received and reviewed the Inspector General's (IG) Report. The District is pleased to know that the SIG *did not identify criminal activity or indication of fraudulent activity.* However, the SIG noted significant deficiencies with policies and procedures for internal control. This report will serve as a guide for the District's leadership and the Board to ensure policies and procedures are followed.

The District and the School Board of Trustees thank the State Inspector General, Brian Lamkin, and his team for the diligent work and attention to detail he and his staff gave to this review. The District is committed to educating, empowering, and enriching the lives of all students to reach their full potential as well as providing a safe, nurturing and high-quality educational environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthonese Gamble, Acting Superintendent

Dr. Shawn Ragin, Board Chairman