The SC Education Oversight Committee (EOC) has managed the Pilot Program over two school years at the direction of the SC General Assembly (by budget proviso). Fifteen school districts in the state have participated in the program, allowing them to use online learning for school make-up days.

The 15 districts are Anderson 5; Kershaw; Pickens; Spartanburg 1; Spartanburg 7; Anderson 1; Anderson 2; Anderson 3; Berkeley; Florence 1; Georgetown; Lexington 2; Lexington 3; York 2; and York 3.

Building a high quality digital learning environment takes significant preparation and resources. These key ingredients are critical as districts implement successful eLearning programs which allow for teaching and learning to occur uninterrupted:

- Devices for students and teachers
- Connectivity and access to the Internet outside of school
- A robust online Learning Management System (LMS)
- A knowledgeable leadership team who can deliver a system of professional learning for educators
- Clarity on expectations and effective communication to communities.

The application process for Cohort 3 of the eLearning Pilot Project is underway and open to SC school districts until May 22, 2020. Nine school districts have been added to the original Cohort 1 and 2 list following review of the SCDE’s Distant Learning applications.

Districts can opt to apply for Cohort 3 OR they may apply to be part of the new Readiness Cohort of districts. Those districts are those building capacity and in need of additional support.

The application can be found at bit.ly/eLearning2020Cohort3.