

To the parents and friends of Sumter Academy, on Sunday afternoon the Board of Directors met and decided that due to the lack of enrollment and the threat of it becoming even smaller, to close the school effective immediately. Please understand that this has been the most difficult decision to make. No one wanted this to happen. Several things beyond our control contributed to this, most notably the declining population of Sumter County. At the time this decision was made there were not enough parents committed to be able to take care of the financial obligation that the school would have. This has been a very trying and hard time for all of us. I can assure you that we explored every avenue that we could, but when the enrollment numbers sank as low as they did we had no choice but to make the hardest decision we would have to make. I do apologize for not sending this out sooner, and for many of you finding out on social media, but we felt it was important to talk to our teachers first. Once again I do apologize for that. I understand this is not easy; it's not easy for any of us.

We have had several people inquire about the memorabilia of the school. There will be a committee in place to deal with this. Nothing at this time can be taken from the school. Every effort will be made to preserve and protect the heritage of the academy. I am asking for your patience concerning this. Please DO NOT show up at the school and try to remove anything. We can't allow this at this time.

Sincerely,

Mike Powell