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2011 AYP Report Released

District Meets Highest Percentage of Targets on Record

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CHARLESTON, S.C.—According to a report released today by the South Carolina Department of Education, CCSD is now meeting its highest percentage of Adequate Yearly Progress (“AYP”) targets on record. Overall, the percentage of CCSD schools making AYP slightly exceeded the state average.

Based on 2011 annual goals under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, CCSD’s “compliance index”—basically, the percentage of AYP targets met by the district—is at an all-time high. “I’m encouraged by the fact that our compliance index has gone up for four straight years, and I know that our strategic plan—combined with the hard work of our excellent teachers—is really paying off,” said Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley. “But the system needs to change. Even if we move forward—meeting 94% of our targets this year compared with only 73% four years ago—the rating system makes it look like we are moving backward.”

As a district, CCSD met 31 out of 33 targets, missing AYP by two goals—students with disabilities in Math and in ELA. For schools and districts, falling short of even one goal means that they do not make AYP, and must face possible sanctions.

28% of CCSD’s schools made AYP this year, compared with 27% of schools across the state. AYP targets for elementary schools changed significantly this year. Elementary schools needed to have 79.4% of their students proficient in ELA and 79% of students proficient in Math to make AYP—these targets are more than 20 points higher in ELA and Math than 2010 targets.

For more information, including a list of schools making AYP this year, visit <http://ed.sc.gov/>.

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