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Media Advisory

CCSD to Host Sixth Annual Charleston Educator Symposium

What: The Charleston County School District (CCSD) will host its sixth annual educator symposium. The three-day event brings together educational leaders from across the state and country and will empower more than 800 teachers, administrators, and district leaders with the skills and information necessary to accomplish educational excellence.

CCSD’s Charleston Educator Symposium (CES), Developing World Class Leaders and Learners, will have more than 120 sessions ranging from improving teaching strategies, using evidence-based practices in the classroom, cultivating diversity, and enhancing leadership skills. CCSD curriculum specialists will also offer professional learning in literacy, numeracy, science, and social studies.

All CES sessions are aligned with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and promote personalized learning through flexible learning pathways.

Who: Speakers include: Paul Gorski, founder of EdChange, an organization dedicated to diversity and equity in education; Cris Tovani, nationally recognized author and literacy expert; Shanna Peeples, 2015 National Teacher of the Year and literacy teacher from Texas.

Why: CCSD is committed to recruiting, training, retaining and promoting highly effective teachers. CES offers invaluable experience to bolster academic achievement and provides professional development opportunities from nationally-recognized experts.

When and Where: Opening remarks begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The symposium ends on Thursday, June 9, 2016. The event is being held at the Academic Magnet High School/School of the Arts High School (Bonds-Wilson Campus), 5109-B West Enterprise Street, North Charleston, 29405.

About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.

About Vision 2016

Vision 2016 is the next phase of Charleston Achieving Excellence, CCSD’s flagship reform initiative. The five-year plan aims to dramatically improve the achievement of every student in Charleston County and includes three fundamental goals: 1) close the achievement gap, 2) elevate achievement overall and 3) raise the graduation rate. These goals were developed through a series of community engagement meetings in partnership with the CCSD Board of Trustees.