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# Media Release

## **Burke senior receives Richard Riley Award**

**Charleston, SC** – “Thank you to my jungle and my village...it takes the village to raise the child, but it takes the village and the jungle to raise a king.”

Anthony Brown, a senior at Burke High School, shared these words with an audience of over 100 attendees at the South Carolina Education Association’s 2020 Human and Civil Rights Luncheon on January 25, 2020. Brown received the Richard W. Riley Award; he was the youngest award recipient at the annual event.

The Richard W. Riley Award is given to a K-12 student whose achievements in the school and/or community has helped enhance the sense of worth and dignity of others.

Brown met both sets of criteria for the award by promoting leadership in specific activities and actions; showing appreciation for diversity and the elimination of bigotry and prejudice, and by demonstrating leadership in improving the conditions and self-esteem of minorities or the disadvantaged. Brown is the only student in the state to receive this award.

Brown’s passion for equity and social justice is one of the many reasons why he was a student selected to participate in the Charleston County School District’s Shared Future Project, which focused on equity and inclusion. At Burke, Brown also participates in the marching band, the school step team, and soccer team.

Brown plans to major in business and has already received numerous acceptance letters and scholarship opportunities.

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### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and 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. 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.