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## Media Release

### **CCSD athletics pausing competition today through January 10, 2021**

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*Varsity teams can practice through December 30, 2020*

**Charleston, SC** - Charleston County School District will halt all winter sports games and competitions for the next three weeks effective Thursday, December 17, 2020, and running through Sunday, January 10, 2021, as a precaution against the further spread of COVID-19. Conditions will be revisited during the first week in January to determine if teams can return to normal schedules by January 11, 2021. Schools will work to reschedule all region games that are missed during this time period.

"Our data show that the number of COVID-19 quarantines following games has been much higher among athletes than the rate among the general student body in schools," said Jeff Borowy, Chief Operating Officer. "This is simply a move to help safeguard the overall health and safety of our student-athletes during the holiday period."

High school teams will be allowed to continue with practices for varsity winter sports through December 30, 2020, using strict safety protocols. Decisions about practice beyond that time will depend on conditions during the first week in January.

"The normal protocols related to positive cases and close contact tracing will be in effect for all teams, and a single case will result in the suspension of practice for the entire team," Borowy said.

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

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents 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.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include

programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.