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## Media Release

### **Emergency Meals-to-You program to provide food to CCSD students in rural areas**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District’s (CCSD) Department of Nutrition Services is pleased to announce a new program that will deliver meals directly to the homes of students: Emergency Meals-to-You. The initiative, which is a partnership between CCSD, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Baylor University, provides these meals at no cost to the families.

Families with students enrolled at the following schools are eligible to participate in the program:

- Angel Oak Elementary
- Baptist Hill Middle High
- E.B. Ellington Elementary
- Edith L. Frierson Elementary
- Haut Gap Middle
- Jane Edwards Elementary
- Minnie Hughes Elementary
- Mt. Zion Elementary
- St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
- St. John’s High

As long as at least one child in the household attends one of the ten schools listed, every child in that household is eligible to receive these meals. If a family registers for the Emergency Meals-to-You program, this benefit will not affect any other existing benefit the family is receiving.

The district and the schools are notifying parents and guardians about the program this week and providing them with the steps to register for the service. The enrollment period started on Monday and will last until Sunday, May 10, 2020.

Once a family signs up, an Emergency Meals-to-You box will be shipped directly to their door every other week for every child (ages 1-18) in their

household. Each box will include 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches, the equivalent of what they would receive at school for two weeks.

"We are proud to say that we served 102,648 meals last week and also started providing weekend meals for our families," explained Kerrie Hollifield, the district's registered dietitian. "However, we know that there are still families we need to reach, and this partnership allows us to do that. These times may be uncertain, but what should never be uncertain is if a child is going to be fed that day. We will continue our outreach efforts to reach more and more families every day and continue to make students the heart of our work."

All of the items in the Emergency Meals-to-You box are shelf-stable, which means they will not expire anytime soon and do not have to be immediately refrigerated.

The partnership is set to last through June 30, 2020.

For more information, contact CCSD's Nutrition Services Department at (843) 566-7266.

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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.