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Media Advisory

North Charleston High's Henry Darby to receive Order of the Palmetto

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Who: Media outlets are welcome.

What: Governor Henry McMaster will present North Charleston High School Principal Henry Darby with the Order of the Palmetto for Darby's efforts to provide financial assistance for his students and their families. Darby, who also serves as a Charleston County Councilman, has been working a third job at Walmart; all of the money he makes as an associate at Walmart support NCHS families. His story has attracted significant local and national media coverage, including a report by NBC's The Today Show.

The Order of the Palmetto is the state's highest civilian honor awarded to citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance. The Order of the Palmetto is a once in a lifetime achievement.

Attendance, outside of representatives from local media outlets, will be by invitation only due to COVID-19 protocols.

When: Monday, February 8, 2021; presentation starts at 11:00 a.m. (media should arrive no later than 10:45 a.m.)

Where: North Charleston High School, 1087 East Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

For more information, contact Andy Pruitt in CCSD's Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 729-4023.

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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.