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Media Advisory

MIT selects CCSD as partner to empower young women

Who: Media outlets and welcome and encouraged to attend.

What: Charleston County School District (CCSD) has been selected by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Women's Initiative Program to participate in the MIT Women's Initiative. MIT will work with select CCSD students in the District's middle and high schools in workshop-style sessions.

The MIT Women's Initiative runs a unique student-facilitated program designed to increase the number of women pursuing careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Each January, undergraduate and graduate women from MIT are selected to travel to middle and high schools nationwide to speak with young women about the excitement of careers in STEM. The Women's Initiative has documented success, with presentations given to over 15,000 young women.

Representatives from MIT visited several schools in CCSD two years ago, including Moultrie Middle School's Women in Charge (click [here](#) to view the story).

When and Where: Monday, January 27, 2020 through Friday, January 31, 2020; multiple schools throughout CCSD

Highlights include:

- A return visit to Moultrie Middle's Women in Charge Monday, January 27, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
- A joint event at Burke High School's media center with students from Burke, Buist Academy, Camp Road Middle School, Military Magnet Academy, and Simmons-Pinckney Middle School Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.
- A visit to R.B. Stall High School Friday, January 31, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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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.