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CCSD Nutrition Services celebrates School Lunch Hero Day

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Charleston, SC — Nutrition Services team members are an essential component of Charleston County School District (CCSD). They demonstrate sincere dedication to ensuring that students receive high-quality, delicious meals every day, including today, Friday, May 6, 2022, which is the [School Nutrition Association's School Lunch Hero Day](#).

CCSD Nutrition Services leaders point to the team of employees that work at Springfield Elementary and the Montessori Community School as an example of dedication and "school lunch heroes." Manager Carolyn Chisolm-Jones, along with Food Service Operators Rowena Isidro, Francine Engrew, Roberta Wells, Sharon McClenney, and Trella Gates, work diligently to provide breakfast, lunch, snacks, and supper to approximately 630 students.

Like many of the district's Nutrition Services team members in other schools, the Springfield/Montessori Community team has continued to work through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"From vendor shortages of food and supplies to challenges with staffing, this team has remained committed to being 'School Lunch Heroes' for the students they serve," said Walter Campbell, CCSD's Executive Director of Nutrition Services. "Ms. Jones and her team have dealt with illnesses among their co-workers and their families, but that hasn't stopped them from coming to work and providing service with a smile each day."

Jones also led her team through a successful routine audit of their program from the South Carolina Department of Education and scored 100 on their DHEC Inspections. The team at Springfield routinely decorates their serving line for various occasions and ensures that students are exposed to unique foods during holiday seasons throughout the school year. These activities result in students at Springfield Elementary and Montessori Community School receiving a quality dining experience.

"Thank you, Ms. Jones, Ms. Isidro, Ms. Engrew, Ms. Wells, Ms. McClenney, Ms. Gates, and all of our Nutrition Services team members in CCSD for all you do to serve our students," added Campbell. "You are our 'School Lunch Heroes' and an important part of our school families."

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district 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 approximately 49,000 students in 88 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.