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Stono Park Elementary School

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District hosts dedication ceremony for new Stono Park Elementary School

Charleston, SC – The brand new Stono Park Elementary School building was dedicated October 30, 2019 during a celebration attended by Charleston County School District (CCSD) board member, constituent board members, school officials, local dignitaries, and special guest Live 5 News' anchor, Bill Sharpe whose father (William H. Sharpe) was the first principal of Stono Park, from 1952-1961.

The Honorable John Tecklenberg, Mayor of the City of Charleston; Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Rev. Dr. Eric Mack, CCSD Board of Trustees Chairman were keynote speakers.

Stono Park was one of three new schools that opened this year. The school was funded by a "Yes" vote of the Charleston County Education Sales and Use Tax

Referendum of 2010 and 2014. The construction came in at budget and was completed on time.

"Although the new 75,000 square foot elementary school was built on the original site, the building footprint increased and was reoriented to improve the parent drop off line and bus loop," said Reggie McNeil, CCSD's Executive Director of Capital Programs.

The building includes two brand new outdoor play areas for Child Development, Kindergarten and first grade students, and one for second through fifth graders. A multi-purpose room and other meeting and learning spaces were also included throughout the facility.

"The long-anticipated opening of our new school building is steeped in the excitement that the state-of-the-art facility will help our students build the skills required to succeed as 21st Century Learners," said Principal Kimberly Riggins. "The technology and workspaces will support instruction in developing the ability to think critically, solve complex problems, and create purposeful products utilizing the latest technology. We are also looking forward to bringing the outside in by not confining programs to the school grounds, but going out into the community and building strong relationships in our neighborhood."

Stono Park Elementary's project details:

- Demolition of the previous facility and construction of a new building
- Scope: 75,000 square foot two-story school sits on five acres, and serves 500 students, grades K-5
- Project Budget: \$27.3 million
- Opened: Fall 2019
- Architectural Firm: SGA Architecture
- Construction Management: Cumming
- General Contractor: J. E. Dunn Construction

Students from the Stono Park Choir performed at the event, which was followed by tours of the facility and light refreshments.

For more information, please contact Principal Kimberly Riggins at (843) 763-1507.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 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.