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Media Release

Daniel Jenkins Academy students, faculty, and staff embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

North Charleston, SC – Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA) students, faculty, and staff participated in a weeklong event emphasizing, educating, and inspiring all participants about the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) earlier this month. The celebration included discussions and expressions of what diversity looks and sounds like, what it means to provide equity (as opposed to equality), and what it means to be inclusive of all individuals.

Students, along with faculty and staff members, expressed their ideas through illustrations and words to highlight understandings of DEI and enhance DEI-themed bulletin boards throughout the building.

"Our staff worked hard to provide meaningful activities, and our students made good connections and showed deep thinking," said Interim Principal Chad Ferguson. "We are excited to build on this work as we continue to make diversity, equity, and inclusion a foundation of our program at Daniel Jenkins."

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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.