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Hootie's Homegrown Roundup canceled, but not the donations

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Charleston, SC – While Charleston County School District (CCSD) was not able to host the annual Hootie & Blowfish Homegrown Roundup this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were still able to partner up with the band to support their students. Hootie & Blowfish donated supplies (via Walmart) to four CCSD schools: Charleston Progressive Academy, James Simons Montessori School, Lambs Elementary School, and North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School.

The back-to-school event traditionally provides services and back-to-school supplies for 1,000 students from CCSD Title 1 schools. The services and supplies are donated by the band Hootie & the Blowfish and various local community businesses that include the following: haircuts, dental evaluations, eye exams, and backpacks filled with school supplies.

Hootie & the Blowfish are one of the most successful music groups of all time selling over 25 million albums world-wide. The band believes they have a responsibility to use their celebrity status to help improve the lives of those in need, especially children. This type of philanthropic spirit led the band to establish Hootie's Homegrown Roundup: Back to School Basics in 2007.

CCSD greatly appreciates Walmart and Hootie & the Blowfish for donating their time, effort, and generous donations to supply students with much needed school supplies.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.