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### **New Camp Road Middle School campus now open**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that the newly-constructed Camp Road Middle School will open its doors to students for the 2020-2021 school year.

The project was funded by a “Yes” vote of the Charleston Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Referendum of 2014.

“The dream that began in 2015 is now a reality with the opening of the new Camp Road Middle School on James Island,” said Principal David Parler. “The James Island community has needed a new middle school for many years and we will now have a breathtaking space.”

The \$52 million project resulted in a new building of approximately 137,000 square feet to serve an initial population of 900 students with a core and expansion space for a future capacity of 1200 students.

“Built on the old Fort Johnson Middle School site, this new facility is long awaited for the middle school students on James Island. Starting in 2018,

the two District 3 middle schools were combined and housed the old James Island Middle School.

"The library on the second floor is prominent at the front corner and creates a tree house feel for the students inside," said Robert Sturman CCSD's Interim Director of Capital Programs. "Our design firm, construction team, and program manager did an amazing job building the new campus. Faculty and visitors will have adequate parking on the campus and the students will enjoy a larger facility with an increase in natural lighting, play space and an array of colorful accents for a most enjoyable learning experience."

The building is spacious, bright, clean, and colorful. The new furniture is color coordinated with the carpets, floors, and walls. The amenities include state-of-the-art technology in all classrooms: sound systems in the gym and all performing arts rooms, nine science labs, a performing arts wing, a 9,500 square foot gym with a stage; and a 7,000 square foot cafeteria with outdoor dining for 60 students. The campus offers ample space for parking, buses, morning and afternoon car traffic, and green space for recess.

"Our students and teachers will be in awe when they enter this new facility and proud to be a part of the Camp Road Middle School family," said Parler. "I am grateful to Charleston County School District for their vision, attention to detail, and persistence in completing this project. This campus is truly an asset to the James Island community."

"COVID-19 has forced the teams building our new schools to overcome some unique challenges. It has been a race to get all of the new school buildings online before the students return for the new school year, which was strategically managed by Cumming (the District's construction management firm)," said Sturman. "The internal and external partnerships between the design team, general contractors, subcontractors, CCSD staff, and others were the keys to a successful project."

The construction team worked in tandem with local and state agencies to open the school on time and within the approved budget. In addition to the construction management team, Cumming, the architect was Rosenblum Coe, and the general contractor was TQ Constructors. The Project Manager was Joe Christian and the Site Manager was Jack Duane.

For more information, contact the Office 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 that is 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 more than 50,000 students in 87 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.