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# Media Release

## **New Stono Park Elementary School ready to accept students August 21**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that the newly-constructed Stono Park Elementary School will open its doors to students for the 2019/2020 school year.

The project was funded by a “Yes” vote of the Charleston County Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Referendum of 2010.

The new state-of-the-art building is a two-story facility that sits on the original five-acre site and is designed to seat 500 students in grades K-5.

“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 stacking requirement and help reduce static traffic on the residential roadways,” 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.”

The construction team worked in tandem with local and state agencies to open the school on time and within the approved budget of \$27.3 million.

“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 McNeil. “The internal and external partnerships between the design team, general contractors, sub-contractors, CCSD staff, and others were the keys to a successful project.”

In addition to the construction management team, Cumming, the architect was SGA Architecture, and the general contractor was J.E. Dunn Construction.

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), a nationally-accredited school district, is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing 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. 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.