





Charleston County School of the Arts

Gerrita Postlewait, Ed.D.Superintendent of Schools

Karolyn Belcher Chief Academic Officer

Sharon Randall Interim Executive Director of

Interim Executive Director of Secondary Learning Community

Shannon Cook, Ed.D. Principal

For Immediate Release

May 18, 2020

Contact:

Dr. Shannon Cook, 843-697-1192

Media Advisory

SOA hosting special celebration event for graduating seniors

Who: Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) seniors, school staff members, and media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

What: SOA staff members have organized a special event to celebrate the Class of 2020. Graduating seniors and family members will arrive on campus in cars (and remain in their vehicles) for a "pick-up party" and parade where they will receive their graduation cap and gown, remaining items from their lockers, and their senior gifts and yearbooks.

The pick-up party will feature special effect lighting, a DJ (who will announce accomplishments and achievements for each senior), lasers, fog, neon lights, balloons, noisemakers, and glow sticks. 105.5 The Bridge will broadcast the event live from the campus. Professional photographers will also be on hand to capture the action and SOA's mascot, the Pegasus, is set to make an appearance.

The entire event will take place in the carpool line; staff, students, and families have been informed about following current health guidelines and taking necessary precautions to maintain everyone's safety.

When: Thursday, May 21, 2020; 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Where: Charleston County School of the Arts, 5109 West Enterprise Street, North Charleston

For more information, contact SOA Arts Coordinator Leah King at (843) 364-3742 or leah_king@charleston.k12.sc.us.

###

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.