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Three CCSD students awarded by Engaging Creative Minds

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Charleston, SC – Engaging Creative Minds (ECM), a local educational nonprofit that promotes Arts Integration in area schools, traveled to Buist Academy and Burke High School Wednesday, December 18, 2019, to surprise the O2 Fitness Charleston Youth Marathon® t-shirt design contest winners.

The first-place winner, was Alex Eastman, a sixth grade student at Buist Academy. He received a check for \$100 and his design will be featured on the Youth Marathon® t-shirt.

Second place winner Louise Martin, a sixth grader at Buist Academy, received a check for \$50. The third place winner was Aysha Bowens, a Burke senior who was recently accepted to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She received a check for \$25.

As in years past, the official charitable partner for the O2 Fitness Charleston Marathon® race is ECM.

ECM partners with local artists and art organizations to provide unique educational programming for Kindergarten through eighth grade. This year they are in 22 schools across Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties and will impact over 10,000 students.

In addition to supporting ECM programs, the Charleston Marathon® also distributes grants to local schools and classrooms through funds received from the race. In its 10th year, the O2 Fitness Charleston Marathon® is expected to see continued growth in its participation numbers.

Starting in downtown Charleston (full and half marathons) and North Charleston (Shrimp & Grits 5K® and Youth Marathon®), all four races will finish at Riverfront Park, the site of the post-race celebration.

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.