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CCSD Surprises Top 5 Finalists for Teacher of the Year

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Charleston, SC — Becoming a Teacher of the Year at a school is a significant honor. So, to be named a Charleston County School District (CCSD) Teacher of the Year finalist is a huge deal. Today, five dedicated educators received a major surprise when representatives from CCSD and MINI of Charleston rolled up to their school to tell them they have been selected as a Top 5 finalist for 2018 CCSD Teacher of the Year.

Live announcements and updates were provided on the District's social media platforms of Facebook and Twitter ([@CCSDConnects](#)).

Photos from the day are available on CCSD's [Facebook](#) page. Please courtesy CCSD if your media outlet uses them for publication.

The five finalists for 2018 are:

- Stephanie Haecherl, second grade teacher – Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School
- Margaret Hale, teacher-librarian – James Island Elementary School
- Amanda Prohaska, Spanish teacher – Mount Pleasant Academy
- Kevin Short, high school science teacher – Charleston County School of the Arts
- Joyce Stewart-Gibbs, third grade teacher – E.B. Ellington Elementary School

The 2018 District Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Teacher of the Year Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. All media partners are invited and encouraged to attend this special evening where CCSD will honor each school's Teacher of the Year, in addition to announcing the 2018 District Teacher of the Year.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD

serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several 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 led by associate superintendents. 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.