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CCSD Board of Trustees Approves Contract Modification with Durham

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Charleston, SC — The Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees approved a modification to the district's contract with Durham School Services on November 27, 2017. The adjustment improves on the services currently being offered by Durham, and adds "DriveCam" for all buses being used in the District (the buses operated by Durham and those maintained by CCSD).

"DriveCam" is a camera system that records both the bus driver and the road; the camera is automatically activated when the program senses unusual driving behavior. The video feed is then sent wirelessly to supervisors for live viewing, and can be used to help drivers improve their performance on the road. According to Durham, "Drive Cam" has shown to reduce the number of erratic events by drivers, which increases the level of safe transportation for students.

"The installation of that new safety feature on our buses supports our number one mission of getting kids to and from school safely," said CCSD Chief Operating Officer, Jeff Borowy.

"DriveCam" is scheduled to be on every bus used by the District and Durham by the end of the 2017-18 school year.

This contract modification also provides payments for existing services, including compensation for all propane fuel for buses added with the middle school bell time change implemented in January 2016, training of District staff for activity buses, proper compensation for District drivers, and recruiting, hiring, and training replacement drivers for any retiring District drivers. The contract modification includes an agreement on the sharing of hazardous mileage credit between Durham and CCSD from the past school year.

"The contract modification makes adjustments to ensure that our contractor, Durham Services, is receiving compensation for all of the services that they are providing," added Borowy.

Durham will receive an extra \$1.07 million (one-time payment) for the current 2017-18 school year. Increases will be between \$40,000 and \$70,000 per year for the remaining two years left on the District's contact with Durham.

For more information about the installation of "DriveCam" or the contract modification, please contact CCSD's Department of Transportation at (843) 566-8142.

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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 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.