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Annual Week of the Young Child Celebration Begins Monday

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Charleston, SC – The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers and families. This year's Week of the Young Child is April 16-20, 2018.

Locations around Charleston County School District (CCSD) will host activities to inspire, encourage, and educate children and their parents in a variety of methods. Each day has a theme, from music, to working together, to the importance of family.

For example, at Midland Park Primary on Monday, the students and staff will put on a music parade. On Tuesday at West Ashley Head Start, teachers and children will trade places (students become "teachers" and teachers become "students"). The Child and Family Development Center at Mary Ford will help their students craft a quilt out of children's self-portraits on Wednesday. On Thursday, Ladson Head Start students are scheduled to do abstract painting and make sculptures with playdough, pipe cleaners, and Popsicle sticks. Sanders-Clyde Head Start will close out the week on Friday by inviting parents and family members to share family stories.

"Support for young children is support for our future," explained Ruth Taylor, CCSD's Executive Director of Early Learning. "There are so many wonderful things happening in our Early Learning classrooms that provide experiences and opportunities for children to grow. This is a great opportunity to visit us!"

Media outlets are also invited to attend a special Week of the Young Child opening ceremony Monday, April 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at St. James-Santee Head Start/Early Head Start located at 8900 North Highway 17 in McClellanville, SC.

For more information about the Week of the Young Child, contact CCSD's Head Start/Early Head Start Director, Dena Davis, at (843) 937-6342.

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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.