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North Charleston, SC – Daniel Jenkins Academy (DJA) is excited to announce it is receiving South Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's (ASCD) Whole Child Award. The ASCD's Whole Child approach is an effort to transition from a focus on narrowly-defined academic achievement to one that promotes the long-term development and success of all children.

The Whole Child Award recognizes schools that create a culture that exemplifies one or more of the five tenets of the Whole Child Initiative: Healthy, Safe, Supported, Challenged, and Engaged. DJA was selected for a Whole Child Award under the "Supported" tenet by making sure each student has access to personalized learning, and is supported by qualified and caring adults.

Daniel Jenkins is a county-wide program located in North Charleston that provides individualized opportunities and alternatives for 8th through 12th grade students, regardless of age. Each student develops academic and socio-emotional skills within a comprehensive support system so they reach their fullest potential when they return to their home school. The school's motto is, "Make a choice to take a chance to see a change."

"Daniel Jenkins does not give up," and eleventh grade student who asked to not be identified commented. "They make it where every child has hope, and every child has another chance to get their lives together again. They make it where you can feel successful. There is hope for a better future. I am glad I came here, because without their help, I would be somewhere else that I wouldn't want to be."

DJA will be recognized at the annual South Carolina ASCD Conference in West Columbia tomorrow, Thursday, October 19, 2017, and will receive a \$2,500 grant for ongoing staff professional development.

"We are so excited to be the recipients of the Whole Child Award from ASCD!" exclaimed Principal Dana Hancock. "It is wonderful to be recognized for the dedication of our faculty to ensure that students are supported, challenged, and engaged. We plan to use the award funding to continue focusing our efforts on

multi-faceted supports to further develop our students and prepare them for future success.”

“It is an honor that Daniel Jenkins will be recognized at the state level for having children as the heart of their work,” added CCSD’s Executive Director of Alternative Programs and Services, Jennifer Coker. “Every child deserves opportunities to be successful and it is exciting to see students be given a second chance and use it to their advantage. We are so proud of the students, staff, and administration at Daniel Jenkins.”

For more information about DJA or its Whole Child Award from the South Carolina ASCD, contact Principal Dana Hancock at (843) 747-6609.

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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.