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Media Advisory

Award-Winning Children's Author Patricia Polacco to Visit Several CCSD Schools

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Who: Media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to attend any of Patricia Polacco's appearances.

What: Patricia Polacco, the award-winning author and illustrator, is scheduled to visit four Charleston County School District (CCSD) schools to read to students and share her powerful story.

Polacco did not learn to read until she was almost 14 years old; she had to overcome dyslexia. She has been writing books for more than 30 years, including *The Mermaid's Purse* and *Because of Thursday* in 2016. CCSD teacher-librarians, teachers, and administrators are excited to have Polacco read to students, and encourage everyone with her personal experiences.

When: Monday, September 11, 2017 through Friday, September 15, 2017 (all day)

Where:

September 11 - Jennie Moore Elementary School, 2725 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

September 12 - Laurel Hill Primary School, 3100 Thomas Cario Blvd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

September 13 - Charles Pinckney Elementary School, 330 Thomas Cario Blvd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

September 15 - Buist Academy, 103 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401

For more information about Polacco's tour in CCSD, please contact Jennifer Thrift, the media specialist at Charles Pinckney Elementary, at (843) 856-4585 or Jennifer_Thrift@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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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.