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## Media Advisory

### *R.B. Stall Students Set to Launch Weather Balloon on Day of Total Solar Eclipse*

**Who:** Media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**What:** R.B. Stall High School students and staff members who have been preparing for the solar eclipse through a joint project with NASA and the South Carolina Space Grant Program will be launching a high altitude balloon for the solar eclipse event. The high altitude balloon will be carrying specialized equipment (payloads) that will allow the entire nation to view the eclipse. The payloads will also be carrying specific bacterial samples for NASA AMES Research Center. The task involves filling a 2,000 gram weather balloon with helium that will be launched at 80,000 feet into the atmosphere.

**When:** Monday, August 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM (media are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the event)

**Where:** Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park, 60 Fishburne Street, Charleston, SC 29403

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jeremy Carrick at (843) 764-2200, or Assistant Principal Claudia Newbern at (843) 207-3730.

CCSD encourages everyone to use safe eclipse viewing practices. Please refer to this [NASA flyer](#) for more safety information.

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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.

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