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## Media Release

### **Community Members Partner with Goodwin Elementary to Create Engineering Opportunity**

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**North Charleston, SC** — W.B. Goodwin Elementary School (WBGES) is proud to announce the creation of a National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Junior chapter. Representatives from the NSBE Charleston Professionals Chapter, Boeing South Carolina, and the Charleston County School District (CCSD) afterschool program, Kaleidoscope, have worked together to establish this new group for Goodwin students. The community partners and students actually met for the first time on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

"The initial meeting went very well," said Boeing SC Strategy and Integration Education Relations Specialist, Frank Hatten. "The students seemed very excited to be a part of this new opportunity."

Students will learn about the career fields related to engineering (i.e. electrical, chemical, and mechanical), and will be able to participate in hands-on projects with the community members and volunteers. The initial meeting set the ground rules and expectations.

The program will be funded in part by the Boeing Gift and Volunteer Match program.

Goodwin staff members are excited about the relationship with the local NSBE Charleston Professionals Chapter, and seek to continue exposing scholars to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), along with advance manufacturing.

"We are excited and fortunate to have this opportunity to partner with the National Society of Black Engineers and Boeing," exclaimed WBGES Principal Diane Ross. "I am also thankful for Amanda Workman (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Goodwin) and Seth Summers (the school's Kaleidoscope Director), who are leading this endeavor here at Goodwin. We are all extremely grateful for this opportunity to serve the students at our school, and so thankful for members of our community who are volunteering to make a difference in the lives of our students."

Ross mentioned that this partnership is expected to stimulate and develop student interest in the various engineering disciplines, increase the number of minority

students studying engineering at higher levels of education, encourage students to seek advanced degrees in engineering or related fields, to obtain professional engineering registrations, and promote public awareness of engineering and the opportunities for Blacks and other minorities in world of engineering.

For more information about Goodwin's NSBE Junior chapter, contact Amanda Workman or Seth Summers at (843) 767-5911.

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