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Media Release

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<u>Teachers of the Year Tour Statehouse and</u> <u>Meet with Charleston Legislative Delegation</u>

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) 2018/2019 Teachers of the Year were treated to a guided tour of the State House in Columbia, S.C. and recognized on both the House of Representatives and Senate floors Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Watch the video here.

Members of the Charleston County Legislative Delegation met individually with over 50 CCSD teachers to discuss education reform and topics such as wage and retention.

CCSD Chief of Staff Erica Taylor organized the event to not only showcase the district's Teachers of the Year, but to introduce them to the state's policy makers that represent Charleston County.

"It is important that all of us on the district level advocate for our teachers so that they are not hindered in advocating for our students, which are the heart of our work," said Taylor. "It is important that our teachers feel empowered to work with legislators. An honest assessment of what has succeeded and failed and a deep understanding of what can be done today, allows for the chance to build a public education system that works; and our lawmakers and teaches should be partners in that."

For more information on the District's Teachers of the Year, contact the Office of Strategy and Communication at 843- 937-6303.

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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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