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Department of Exceptional Children Awarded for Strategic Leadership in Education

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District's (CCSD) is excited to announce the Department of Exceptional Children is receiving TregoED's 2018 Benjamin B. Tregoe Award for Strategic Leadership in Education for their organizational excellence in collaborative decision making. TregoED made the announcement earlier this month; New Brighton Area School District (PA), York County School District (VA), and Johnston County School District (NC) are being honored this year as well.

The award is presented to school districts, individuals, or teams that have achieved significant and enduring results using TregoED's tools for collaborative problem solving and decision making. The honor recognizes the district's ability to demonstrate successful resolution of a critical issue and show evidence of systemic change that has had a lasting impact on their decision-making and problem-solving culture.

Since 1994, TregoED has helped school districts achieve problem-solving and decision-making excellence by reaching approximately 20,000 educators (in the U.S. and Canada) through high-quality workshops, consulting, and coaching. TregoED's methods are adapted from those developed by Kepner-Tregoe (KT); KT processes have been used by government and Fortune 1000 companies in 44 countries for more than six decades.

"I am pleased that the Department for Exceptional Children team is receiving this recognition," said Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director of the Department for Exceptional Children. "They care deeply about the work they do for students, and they are passionate about developing collaborative teams to support students."

The Department of Exceptional Children used TregoED's established processes to improve communication and increase leadership capacity within the schools through the development of cross-collaborative teams. These steps allowed them to address high-priority issues more effectively, minimize barriers that occur in large districts, maximize opportunities, and establish a system of communication.

“We are proud to see the work being done in Charleston County to help meet the complex needs of exceptional children,” said Dr. Kathryn Blackburn, Executive Director of TregoED. “We look forward to helping the district build upon this effort to increase transparent and data-based decision making in all areas.”

For more information about this honor for CCSD’s Department of Exceptional Children, please contact the Office of Strategy and Communications 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.