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# Media Advisory

## *District Hosts Teacher of the Year Celebration Dinner*

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

**What:** The Charleston County School district will host the annual Teacher of the Year Celebration Dinner where the district will celebrate over 80 educators for their accomplishments. Current CCSD Teacher of the Year, Stephanie Haecherl, and District officials surprised the Top 5 finalists for CCSD Teacher of the Year a few weeks ago. Of those five, one winner will be recognized as the 2019 Teacher of the Year and will receive a prize package to include a free year-lease of a new BMW thanks to Rick Hendrick of Charleston.

### **Top Five Finalists**

- Erin Bua - James B. Edwards Elementary School
- Jamie Costner - Laing Middle School
- Jayuntay Williams - West Ashley Advanced Studies Magnet
- Shantia Wilder - Chicora Elementary School
- Michelle Reese - Murray-Lasaine Elementary School

**When:** Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The announcement for Teacher of the Year is expected to be sometime after 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Embassy Suites Convention Center; 5055 International Blvd, N. Chas., SC 29418

For more information regarding this event, please contact CCSD's 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 spanning 1,300 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.