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Media Release

State Releases School Report Cards

Charleston, SC – Improving school performance begins with understanding the conditions, successes, and challenges of each school. South Carolina is required by federal and state law to create annual report cards for the public with key data about how students and schools are doing. The South Carolina School Report Cards released Friday provide information to build that understanding.

The information enables entire communities – educators, parents, students, business leaders and others – to ensure all students achieve at high levels.

In South Carolina (SC), schools and school districts have received ratings since 2001. However, the SC School Report Cards published in November 2018 will be the first to receive ratings in three years.

This hiatus occurred to allow for SC to join what was once two accountability systems for schools: one federal and one state. The joint system was approved by the SC Education Oversight Committee and was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education for approval.

The South Carolina School Report Cards will allow parents and others to see how schools are improving toward meeting the Transformational Goals the state has set.

The performance indicators are areas in which South Carolina schools are measured. Federal and state law requires that states measure certain indicators; others were approved by the State Superintendent of Education and the SC Education Oversight Committee for use in the school accountability system.

Indicators are:

- Academic Achievement
- Student Progress

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- Preparing for Success
- College and Career Ready
- English Language Learners' Progress
- Graduation Rate
- School Quality
- Classroom Environment
- Student Safety
- Financial Information

The Rating Scale

Each school will receive an overall rating and each rated indicator will receive a separate rating for each indicator.

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- Good - School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- Average - School performance meets the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- Below Average - School performance is in jeopardy of not meeting the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

View the report cards [here](#). For more information contact Erica Taylor 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 several 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 led by associate superintendents. 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.