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Media Release

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis Recognizes Maegen Whitten as Educator of the Month

Charleston, SC – Today South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis recognized Charleston County School District teacher Maegen Whitten of James Island Elementary School as the Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program Educator of the Month for April.

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Whitten said she is incorporating financial literacy into her math curriculum to demonstrate real-world examples of how math relates to personal finance decisions people make every day.

“Teaching financial literacy is an important life skill,” Whitten added. “I love how the program allows students to perform specific tasks that enhance their understanding of money as well as build important new skills.”

The Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program is web-based and interactive, and uses “Vault,” data management software powered by Everfi, to engage students and make learning financial skills interesting and fun.

“Financial literacy is a vital tool for future economic success. We are grateful for teachers like Ms. Whitten who are showing students how to make sound financial decisions at a young age,” Treasurer Loftis said. “I always enjoy hearing how students are using these important lessons to shape their spending and saving habits now while preparing for more complex financial decisions in the future.”

The Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program, a web-based financial management course focused on skill building, budgeting, and decision-making is offered to elementary and middle schools across the state at no cost to taxpayers.

Since its launch in 2015, the Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program has grown to reach 267 schools and impact approximately 30,000 South Carolina students.

For more information about the Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program, visit scfuturescholar.everfi.com. To learn more about how Whitten teaches financial literacy at James Island Elementary School contact her at maegan_whitten@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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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.

About Future Scholar

Future Scholar, South Carolina's 529 College Savings Plan, is administered through the State Treasurer's Office. For more information, visit FutureScholar.com or follow @SCStateTreasurer on Facebook. No state funds are used to market Future Scholar or the Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program.