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Education Committee Initiated for District 9 Schools

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Charleston, SC -- In a collaborative effort between the Charleston County School District and the Johns and Wadmalaw Island communities, an Education Committee was initiated in order to address both the academic achievement and enrollment issues within District 9 schools. This committee was lead by the education chair of the John's Island Community Association, Michelle Faust. The district assigned Stephen Larson (principal at St. John's High School) as the point of contact to facilitate and support decision-making and long term planning.

As a result of the committee's discussions, early recommendations were approved by the CCSD Board of Trustees to implement a 3 year old fee-based preschool program, introduction to Spanish for 3 and 4 year olds, and a Spanish Instructor for K - 5 at Angel Oak Elementary for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Also, after a series of school visits by the team and corresponding discussions, three school models were identified as high interest for D9 Schools:

1. Public Montessori
2. Math and Science and/or Engineering
3. A traditional elementary school

The D9 Committee as now recommended CCSD consider the implementation of a certified Public Montessori curriculum at a D9 elementary school, and Math and Science Curriculum at a separate elementary school within D9. The committee also recommended that CCSD evaluate the potential for removing the zoning requirements and allow parents to choose any D9 elementary school based on the best fit for their individual child/children and investigate the possibility of transportation services across the two islands.

We are very interested in your feedback regarding this proposal. Please click the link below to respond to the survey. (<http://www.johnslanders.org/contact.php>)

Upcoming Communication Events

Public Montessori at Frierson Elementary School

Date: June 29th Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Frierson Elementary School

Come learn about what a Montessori program would like on D9.

Town Hall

In partnership with the D9 Constituency Board, CCSD, and the D9 Education Committee, please join us at the D9 town hall meeting on July 20th beginning at 6:00 pm at St. John's High School.

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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.

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