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# Media Release

## **CCSD Statement on the Reopening of Schools**

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**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District will reopen for school tomorrow, Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the regular start time with the exception of the following sites:

- West Ashley Head Start
- E.B. Ellington Elementary
- Jane Edwards Elementary
- Minnie Hughes Elementary

E.B. Ellington and West Ashley Head Start should reopen on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

We anticipate Minnie Hughes will reopen Thursday, October 13. Jane Edwards will be closed for at least 5-10 days for repairs. During that time, Jane Edwards students will be bused to Minnie Hughes. Bus pickup and drop off times for Jane Edwards students will remain the same as they are now.

Several other schools (Springfield and Montessori Community Schools Campus, Chicora, James Island Middle and High Schools, Deer Park Middle, and Greg Mathis) do not have power at this time; however we are optimistic power will be restored at these sites by nightfall. If it is determined a school will not have power, updated communication will be sent out to those school communities by 8 p.m. this evening.

We have asked parents who have access to cell phones to download/use the [Durham School Services Remind App](#). This application will notify parents if their child's bus is delayed by 15 minutes or more.

School and district administrators are aware that a few families are still experiencing hardships as a result of Hurricane Matthew's impact, and will work with those families on an individual basis.

Thank you for your support of Charleston County School District.

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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.