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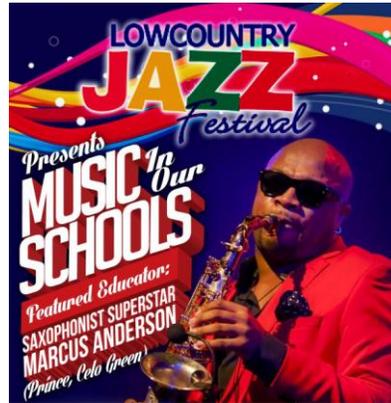
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Morningside Middle to Host Lowcountry Jazz Fest Concert Series for Students

Who: Media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to join us for a celebration of jazz music with students and local musicians in our schools.

What: The Greater Charleston Lowcountry Jazz Festival is kicking off its eighth year this Labor Day weekend by presenting *Music in Our Schools*, a concert series for students to be held at Morningside Middle.

The event's featured musician is saxophone great, Marcus Anderson, who has notably worked with music icons such as Prince and CeeLo Green during his career.

The Greater Charleston Lowcountry Jazz Festival supports Closing the Gap in Health Care, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization whose primary mission is decreasing health disparities and increasing health literacy, especially for African Americans and the underserved in our community, South Carolina, and the nation.

Proceeds from the Festival support the mission of Closing the Gap in Health Care, Inc. and the Thaddeus John Bell, M.D. Endowment Fund. The fund was created conjointly with the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina to assist students who pursue a health

science degree and graduate from the Medical University of South Carolina.

When: Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Morningside Middle School, 1999 Singley Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

For more information: For more information regarding this event, please contact Morningside Middle at (843) 745-2000.

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.