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**Raven Saunders
2016 Olympic Athlete**

Burke High School to Host Raven Saunders Viewing Party

Who: Media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to join us for an Olympics viewing party featuring Raven “Hulk” Saunders, local athlete, Ole Miss student, and CCSD graduate.

What: Join us at Burke High School to watch and celebrate hometown star athlete, Raven Saunders, as she goes for the gold in the shot put at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

The two-time NCAA outdoor champion is one of 26 athletes competing for 12 spots in the finals.

Raven is an Ole Miss student-athlete and a CCSD graduate having attended Memminger Elementary, Stono Park Elementary, West Ashley Middle, and Burke High School. During her time at Burke, she won multiple state championships, was a high school All-American, and in 2014, was named the Gatorade National Girls Track and Field Player of the Year.

When: Friday, August 12, 2016; Doors will open at 7:45 a.m. The shot put qualifying prelims will begin at 9:05 a.m., with the finals scheduled for Friday evening.

Depending on the results of Friday morning's prelims, Burke High School will issue a statement on a viewing party for the finals, which start at 9:00 p.m.

Where: Burke High School Auditorium, 244 President Street, Charleston, SC 29403

For more information: For more information regarding this event, please contact Burke High School at (843) 579-4815 or (843) 579-4307.

To get the latest on Raven's journey in Rio, visit her [Facebook page](#) or follow her on Twitter [@GiveMe1Shot](#).

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.