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CCSD September 2 Closure Details

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Charleston, SC — At 12:45 p.m. this afternoon, key Charleston County School District (CCSD) leaders convened to discuss the severe weather that will affect our area on Friday.

It was decided that CCSD will be closed tomorrow, Friday, September 2, 2016 in anticipation of inclement weather from Tropical Storm Hermine for the following reasons:

- According to the National Weather Service, wind speeds are predicted to be at or in excess of 30 mph in the morning, making travel across bridges and major thoroughfares such as I-526 and the Arthur Ravenel Bridge dangerous for high profile vehicles such as buses. Currently, we have 37 buses that travel on I-526 and the Ravenel Bridge alone.
- According to the forecast, the conditions are expected to get worse gradually throughout the day.
- With high tide scheduled around 9:30 a.m. and anticipated rainfall levels, flooding may occur, especially in low-lying areas where standing water may accumulate across roads and pathways, presenting additional challenges to travel throughout the County.

This was not an easy decision, but one that was made to make sure we live up to our responsibility of keeping our students and staff safe.

Tomorrow's closure will be made up on Friday, October 21, 2016 for students. This is a scheduled, Board-approved CCSD student make-up day.

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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.