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## Media Release

### **Severe Weather Update: Tropical Storm Hermine**

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**Charleston, SC** — Key Charleston County School District (CCSD) leaders convened at 4:00 p.m. today to discuss the severe weather that may affect our area on Friday.

Early forecasts from the National Weather Service indicate that the worst of Tropical Storm Hermine could arrive in Charleston between noon and 7:00 p.m. on Friday. However, at this time, confidence levels for this forecast are only low to moderate with respect to conditions and timing.

CCSD staff will meet again tomorrow at 12:45 p.m. to discuss plans for Friday, with intentions to make a decision between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., regarding Friday's school operations. These decisions will be based on weather advisories that are released every three hours.

Our primary concern is always the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We will do everything we can to make sure we live up to that responsibility with our decisions.

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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.