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Media Advisory

State Superintendent to Visit Laing Middle

Who: Media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

What: South Carolina State Superintendent Molly Spearman is scheduled to visit Laing Middle School of Science and Technology. She will tour the school with Charleston County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait, Principal Jay Whitehair, and the school's STEM coach Mel Goodwin. Laing was named the top STEM middle school in the nation at the Future of Education and Technology Conference this past January.

The tour will last 30-45 minutes, and will be followed by media availability with Superintendent Spearman, Dr. Postlewait, Principal Whitehair, and Dr. Goodwin.

When: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Laing Middle School of Science and Technology, 2705 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt Pleasant, SC 29466

For more information about the State Superintendent's visit, contact CCSD's Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303 or the State Department of Education's Chief Communications Officer, Ryan Brown, at (803) 734-5080.

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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.

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