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Charleston County School District Hosts Listening Session for Teachers

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Charleston, SC — The Charleston County School District (CCSD) will be conducting the first of six listening sessions on Thursday, June 15 at 5:00 PM. Held at the district's administrative building, 75 Calhoun Street, Thursday night's session will include a thoughtful discussion between administrators and teachers to prepare for a new strategic plan.

The purpose of the listening session series is to give key stakeholders the opportunity to provide input in the creation of the strategic plan.

"The members of the Board of Trustees and I understand that teachers are the most valuable resource in any system," said Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait. "We made a deliberate and conscience decision to select our educators for the first session in the series, in order to allow our teachers to build the foundation for all future discussions."

The roundtable participants were chosen by teacher advocacy organizations, including the Charleston Teachers Alliance (CTA) and CCSD Teacher Roundtable, a group comprised of district school teacher of the year recipients. All sessions will be open to the public and will include overflow viewing areas (as needed). At the conclusion of each discussion, the floor will be open for comments.

"The CTA has been asked to nominate a selection of teachers to represent the teacher voice of our District," said Jody Stallings, Director of the Charleston Teachers Alliance. "While we are proud to partner with the school district to create a new plan for a better system, this is not a task we take lightly."

After the final listening session in the series, District administration will present to the Board a strategic plan, which will include feedback

from the district's teachers, principals, parents, and students, as well as area community and business leaders.

For more information about the upcoming listening sessions, please contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303 or communications@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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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.