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## Media Advisory

### *R.B. Stall High Students Set for Total Solar Eclipse Practice Launch*

**Who:** Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to attend. Media outlets are welcome as well.

**What:** R.B. Stall High School students and staff will conduct a public practice tethered launch of a weather balloon as they prepare for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse this summer. Students will demonstrate how measuring equipment needs to be attached to a weather balloon. This is part of NASA's nationwide project to live-stream aerial video footage of the "Great American Eclipse."

The task involves filling a 2,000-gram weather balloon with helium that will be launched into the atmosphere on August 21, 2017 from Riley Park, home of the Charleston RiverDogs.

Students and staff members have been preparing for the solar eclipse through a joint program with NASA and the College of Charleston.

**When:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. (media are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the event)

**Where:** Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park, 360 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC 29403

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jeremy Carrick at (843) 764-2200, or Assistant Administrator Claudia Newbern at (843) 207-3730.

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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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