



For Immediate Release

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Media Advisory

R.B. Stall High Solar Eclipse Practice Launch

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

What: R.B. Stall High School students and staff members will be conducting their first public practice launch of a weather balloon as they prepare for the upcoming solar eclipse this summer. Students will demonstrate how measuring equipment needs to be attached to a weather balloon. Then, they will send the balloon in the air from a launch site on campus.

The task involves filling a 2,000 gram weather balloon with helium that will be launched at 80,000 feet into the atmosphere on the day of the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

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

When: Friday, May 5, 2017 at 2:50 PM (media are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the event)

Where: R.B. Stall High School, 3625 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, SC 29418

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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