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*West Ashley High School to host
West Ashley Robotics Regional Qualifier on February 25*

Who: Students, parents, faculty, staff, community members, and media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What: West Ashley High School (WAHS) is proud to host the *West Ashley Robotics Regional Qualifier*. This will be the third year that the school has hosted this competition.

Each year, the WAHS Robotics Team uses this event as a fundraiser to help pay for their trips to the state and national competitions. This year's tournament will fund their trip to nationals in Iowa. It also gives other teams one more opportunity to qualify for the state competition.

Robots from schools throughout the Lowcountry will compete in a series of qualification rounds before a select few move on to the final round. Currently, 32 teams from 16 different schools have signed up to participate, including Goose Creek High, Laing Middle, Palmetto Scholars Academy, and Wando High.

There will be a concession stand at the event where attendees can purchase breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages. West Ashley High's robotics students are proud of their accomplishments so far this year and would appreciate support from the community.

Schedule for the West Ashley Robotics Regional Qualifier:

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| 7:00 a.m. | Doors Open |
| 7:15 a.m. - 8:45a.m. | Sign In / Practice / Inspection |
| 8:45 a.m. | Drivers Meeting |
| 9:00 a.m. | Opening Ceremony |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Qualification Rounds |
| 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Programming Skills / Robot Skills |
| *(teams may complete skills challenges anytime before 1:00p.m.) | |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Programming Skills / Robot Skills |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Complete Qualification Rounds |
| 3:15 p.m. | Alliance Selections |
| 3:45 p.m. | Finals Start |

5:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

When: Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: West Ashley High School, Main Gym and Cafeteria,
4060 W. Wildcat Blvd., Charleston, SC 29414

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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.