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# Media Advisory

## *AdvancED to Provide CCSD Accreditation Update at Board of Trustees Meeting*

**Who:** All CCSD staff, parents, community members, and media outlets are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**What:** Mark Elgart, CEO of AdvancED, will return to Charleston to present the AdvancED team's findings to the Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees following the engagement review visit which was held September 23-26, 2018.

While CCSD's high schools are accredited, this is the District's first attempt at system-wide accreditation for all schools. AdvancED is a continuous improvement network that conducts on-site reviews for school and district accreditation. The District has been working diligently to become accredited over the past several years.

Accreditation is the process of a system or school examining its goals, policies, practices, and programs from the perspective of all of the stakeholders against research-based standards and practices. The goal of accreditation is to ensure continuous progress toward providing a high-quality education for all students.

**When:** Monday, October 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.; *on-site media availability at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. Elgart*

**Where:** 75 Calhoun Street, Main Board Room, Charleston, SC 29401

For more information about AdvancED's presentation, please contact CCSD's Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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 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. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music

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and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.