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Media Advisory

African-American Read-In

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

What: The four Charleston County School District schools in District 23, Baptist Hill Middle High School, E.B. Ellington Elementary School, Jane Edwards Elementary School, and Minnie Hughes Elementary, are partnering with St. Paul's/Hollywood Library, Edisto Island Library, and Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) for the African-American Read-In.

Leaders from the schools and CCPL are challenging their students, parents, and community members to come to the St. Paul's/Hollywood Library and Edisto Island Library and read for at least 20 minutes. The goal is to have at least 100 people drop in and explore books written and/or illustrated by African-Americans.

"A community that reads together prospers together," said Minnie Hughes Principal Bridget Berry.

When: Thursday, February 21, 2019; 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Edisto Island Library) and 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (St. Paul's/Hollywood Library)

Where: Edisto Island Library (inside Trinity Episcopal Church), 1589 Highway 174, Edisto Island, SC 29438; St. Paul's/Hollywood Library, 5151 Town Council Drive, Hollywood, SC 29449

For more information about this event, contact CCPL's Doug Reynolds at reynoldsd@ccpl.org or Minnie Hughes' Family Service Advocate Willie Brooks at willie_brooks@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 specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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