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# Media Advisory

## *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charleston SeaPerch Challenge Set for Next Week*

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

**What:** Thirteen middle and high school teams from Charleston County School District (CCSD) will compete in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charleston SeaPerch Challenge.

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) in an in-school or out-of-school setting. Students build the ROV from a kit comprised of low-cost, easily accessible parts, following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. The SeaPerch Program provides students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science, and mathematics while building an underwater ROV as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum. Throughout the project, students will learn engineering concepts, problem-solving, teamwork, and technical applications.

As part of the Charleston Navy Week celebration (March 11-15, 2019), Navy personnel will participate in the Charleston SeaPerch Challenge as divers, judges, and team escorts.

This is a regional qualifying event for the National SeaPerch Challenge; that tournament will be held at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD June 1-2, 2019.

**When:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Danny Jones Pool, 1455 Monitor Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

For more information about the SeaPerch Charleston Regional Challenge, contact CCSD STEM Coordinator Lynn Clegg at (843) 696-1178.

To learn more about SeaPerch, visit <http://seaperch.org/>.

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