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Marcus Johnson
Champions of Education Award Recipient

**THE STORIES OF OCSD: MARCUS JOHNSON, A BEACON OF
DEDICATION, TO RECEIVE THE CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION AWARD**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – In a world filled with remarkable individuals, Marcus Johnson emerges as an exemplar of dedication and community involvement. Recognizing his steadfast commitment to public education and community enrichment, the South Carolina School Board Association has bestowed upon him the prestigious "Champions of Education" award. It is with immense pride that Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) and the OCSD Board of Trustees stands with Mr. Johnson, having had the privilege to nominate such an outstanding figure for this accolade.

While Johnson's role as the owner of Nissan of Orangeburg and the CEO of Johnson Automotive Group sets him apart in the business world, it's his philanthropic endeavors within Orangeburg that truly set him apart. Through his generosity, OCSD was able to secure year-long billboard contracts worth nearly \$53,000, amplifying the district's reach and influence. Furthermore, his

Teacher Supply Closet initiative stands as a testament to his heartfelt dedication, ensuring that educators can readily access essential teaching supplies.

"Marcus Johnson's commitment to education is more than just philanthropy; it's a calling. With both his mothers having served in the educational sector, his deep-rooted connection to this realm is both personal and profound. The entire Orangeburg community is richer for having such a dedicated advocate and supporter," shared Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent.

Johnson's bond with his mothers, both in the educational world in Beaufort, North Carolina, serves as the touchstone of his philanthropic endeavors. Their legacy of service continues to inspire his every gesture, from rewarding top-performing educators with significant financial incentives to actively assisting with special programs within the district.

The impact of Johnson's engagement with OCSD is profound and far-reaching. More than just a benefactor, he stands as a relentless champion for top-tier public education, intertwining threads of optimism, commitment, and communal spirit across our educational landscape.

In celebrating Mr. Johnson's monumental contributions, Orangeburg County School District, the OCSD Board of Trustees, alongside the South Carolina School Board Association, honors more than just an individual. We salute a legacy—a legacy deeply embedded in the spirit of education, community growth, and steadfast dedication to a brighter tomorrow.

Orangeburg County School District

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