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**More than 500 OCSD students to witness
South Carolina Supreme Court Oral Arguments**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) students were invited to witness S.C. Supreme Court oral arguments on Tuesday, November 15, and Wednesday, November 16. The oral arguments were held in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center on the campus of SC State University, beginning at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. each day.

"To me, this is education at its best! The opportunity for our students to observe the proceedings of the oral arguments brings to life their classroom learning experiences," said Hayward Jean, OCSD Director of Student Services. The court cases heard were listed on the [Supreme Court's Roster of Cases](#), and after the oral arguments, the Court took time to answer questions from students.

All OCSD middle and high schools were represented during the oral arguments. Mr. Robert Hemby, OCSD's Coordinator of Career and Technical Education & K-12 School Improvement, who, along with Mr. Jean, coordinated this opportunity for OCSD students, said, "the experience gave our students the chance and exposure of seeing our Judicial System operate at the highest level."

Students who attended the proceedings had the opportunity to see Chief Justice Donald Beaty, an alumna of SC State University. "Being able to allow our students to witness oral arguments from the highest court in the state of South Carolina is an example of the real-world experiences that we aim to provide our students in OCSD," said Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent. "

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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