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**BETHUNE-BOWMAN HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES BASKETBALL TEAM'S
ADVANCE TO 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. –The Bethune-Bowman Mohawks have secured their spot in the Class A Boys state championship game after a 53-43 victory over Cross High School. This win in the lower state championship propels them to a much-anticipated matchup against Christ Church, following their decisive win in the Upper State final.

The championship is set for Saturday at 12 noon at the Florence Civic Center. Key players like Terrance McFadden, Bryson Robinson, Jaylin Avinger, and Tijay Elliott have been instrumental in this season's success, and is especially noted during the critical moments of their recent games.

To celebrate this achievement, Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School will host a pep rally on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 2 PM at the Melvin L. Crum Gymnasium on the campus of Bethune-Bowman. The event welcomes media attendance to spotlight the team's journey and the community support that backs them.

Head Coach Charles McCray commented on the team's progress, saying the unity and collective spirit is driving their success: "This group has shown what it means to be a team, demonstrating a strong bond and shared commitment. Their focus and teamwork are what brought us here, and we're prepared for the challenge ahead."

The Mohawks' advancement marks a significant moment, returning to the Lower State championship spotlight for the first time since 2017. It has been 33 years since their last appearance in the state championship game (1991). This was also the Mohawks last state championship. Their path to the final reflects their dedication, skill, and the strong support from their fans.

Media representatives are encouraged to cover the pep rally and the team's pursuit of the state title. For further details, contact PJ Walker at pervis.walkerjr@ocsdsc.org.

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