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# ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND SOCIAL WORK WEEK

**ORANGEBURG, S.C. –** This March, the Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to honor National Social Work Month and celebrate Social Work Week from March 4-8. The district acknowledges the profound impact social workers have in supporting the educational journey and well-being of students.

The annual observance of National Social Work Month and the special recognition during Social Work Week in OCSD highlight the vital role that social workers play within the educational system. Their expertise and commitment are crucial in addressing the social, emotional, and life challenges facing students, ensuring a supportive environment valuable to learning and personal growth.

"Our school social workers are essential in creating positive outcomes for our students. They provide invaluable services that contribute to our learning environment, helping students overcome barriers to success. This month, we express our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and the significant difference they make in our community," said Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent.

The District acknowledges the dedication of social workers who collaborate closely with teachers, administrators, and parents to create a nurturing environment that supports every student's academic and social-emotional development. Their work is instrumental in promoting mental health, well-being, and academic achievement, which are pillars of the district's commitment to excellence in education.

OCSD encourages the community to recognize and appreciate the essential contributions of school social workers not only during this special week but throughout the entire year. Their tireless efforts are key to building a stronger, more supportive educational community that empowers every student to achieve their full potential.

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