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Murray-LaSaine music teacher named in Top 215 line up of GRAMMY Museum Teacher Educators

James Island – Students at Murray-LaSaine Montessori School nominated their music teacher, Lindsay Linderman, for the GRAMMY Museum Teacher Educator Award, and she placed in the top 215 quarterfinalists.

This prestigious award is given to current educators, from kindergarten through college in both public and private schools, who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who advocate for the ongoing inclusion of music education in schools. This year's quarterfinalists hail from 202 cities and were chosen from more than 2,400 initial nominations. Additionally, 159 legacy applicants from 2024 are also eligible for this year's award.

"I am extremely honored to be considered for this amazing award," said Linderman. "Teaching music brings me such immense joy and I'm thankful I get to share this joy with my students, school and community."

Semi-finalists for the 2025 Music Educator Award will be announced later this year. The ultimate recipient will be celebrated during GRAMMY Week 2025.

Each year, one recipient is selected from 10 finalists and recognized for their remarkable impact on students' lives. The 11th annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles, CA to attend the 67th Annual GRAMMY Awards® and a range of GRAMMY Week events. The nine additional finalists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants.

Fifteen semi-finalists will receive a \$500 honorarium with matching school grants. The Music Teacher Educator Award program, including honorariums, is made possible by the generosity and support of the Chuck Lorre Family Foundation.

"The arts are critically important to public education," said Principal Meredith Wallace. "Visual and performing arts teachers make magic happen and expand students' horizons. Lindsay Linderman does that for our school community. Lindsay uses music as the tool to build connections and relationships with her students. She brings students out of their shells with opportunities to perform in front of audiences. She finds creative ways to hook a student, motivating even the most reluctant learner to try something new. She inspires all of us."

For more information on this award, please visit grammymusicteacher.com or contact Principal Meredith Wallace at (843) 762-2765.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.