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SICs hold engagement event for all CCSD parents

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Charleston, SC- James B. Edwards Elementary School (JBE) and Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School Improvement Councils (SIC) collaborated to hold a mental health speaking engagement for all Charleston County School District (CCSD) Parents last month.

The event "Minds Matter: A Spotlight on Student Mental Well-Being," was held at Lucy Beckham High School on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The event addressed concerns regarding children's mental health and offer insights into fostering better mental wellness among students.

Three members from Medical University of South Carolina's Boeing Center for Children's Wellness team shared valuable information on various aspects of mental well-being, including strategies for building emotional literacy and coping skills. The team also delved into the impacts of social media on students and provided suggestions for maintaining a healthy balance.

After the presentations, attendees had the opportunity to engage in an open question-and-answer panel. This panel featured speakers from MUSC and social workers from CCSD. Together, they addressed queries from concerned parents and offered additional insights into supporting students' mental wellness.

Adding a touch of hospitality to the event, light refreshments were provided by the SICs, enhancing the sense of community and collaboration among attendees.

"As a parent of two CCSD students, I am very concerned with the way to navigate the tricky waters of today's environment," JBE SIC member Katie Edwards. "This event gave me the tips and tricks I need to be the best parent I can be."

The SICs hope to facilitate similar events in the future.

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About the Charleston County School District

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.