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MAD USA educates students on domestic violence

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Charleston, SC – Within South Carolina's 46 counties there are a total of 75 animal shelters compared to 16 domestic violence shelters for women and 0 domestic violence shelters for men. What message does that send? This is how Christian Rainey, Owner and Founder of Men Against Domestic Violence (MAD) USA, opened his four-day training session for students at Septima P. Clark Academy on domestic violence.

Rainey shared how domestic violence impacted him and explained that this is why it his life's mission to bring awareness to the topic.

MAD USA training sessions engage youth throughout the interactive presentation that is supported by hands-on activities. Rainey offers relatable content and speaks candidly to his audience. MAD USA provides training sessions for male and female students grades 3-12, with varying content based on grade.

Rainey provided that South Carolina is frequently in the top 10 of reported cases of domestic violence. The staggering statistics and history behind domestic violence in the Palmetto State are what prompted former Governor Nikki Hailey to ask Rainey to lead domestic violence work in South Carolina.

Charleston County School District schools interested in hosting MAD USA to present should contact Lauren Crawford at Lauren_Crawford@Charleston.k12.sc.us. For additional information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.