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Media Advisory

CCSD to host parts of Power Up Conference centered around college and career readiness

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Who: Media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What: Charleston County School District (CCSD) will host several events as a part of the U.S. Department of Education's [Power Up Series Conference](#). The multi-day conference will feature a student engagement event about college and career readiness including a student pep rally, town hall, and college and career fair from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for Burke and Simmons-Pinckney students (closed to the public) followed by a Black Educator Roundtable and Family and Community Engagement Roundtable (open to the public) from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Special guests during the student engagement event will include Alexis Holmes, Executive Director, United States Department of Education; Charleston County School District Superintendent Anita Huggins; Salome Daniel, Confidential Assistant, White House Black Initiative; and Michelle Simmons, CCSD Chief Academic Officer.

When: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Burke High School, 244 President Street, Charleston, SC 29403

For more 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 of 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; and military; dual credit; and many more.

