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Bilingual students learn about careers in the field of translation and interpretation

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Charleston, SC — A select group of bilingual students in Charleston County School District (CCSD) are participating in a summer internship program to learn about career opportunities in the field of translation and interpretation. The students just completed a 12-hour course that included opportunities to participate in mock interpretation sessions and extensive training on the CCSD registration process. For the remainder of the summer, they will be in several elementary schools in the North Charleston area shadowing and supporting bilingual secretaries.

"In CCSD, we recognize that bilingualism and multilingualism are assets to be developed and celebrated," said Angela Rush, Director of the Office of Translation and Interpretation Services. "Language skills stand out on applications for employment and college admission, so we want to do all we can to set our students up for future success. We also want to help create welcoming environments for all families as they enter our schools this summer."

Chad Vail, CCSD's Work-based Learning Partnerships Coordinator for the Career & Technology Education Support Team said that this is part of CCSD's continued effort to serve all students in a variety of ways.

"This innovative summer work-based learning program is helping students develop specific skills in high demand right here in our community," added Vail.

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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.