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R.B. Stall's Tabytha Walls earns national recognition from ASBDA Foundation

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Charleston, SC – The American School Band Directors Association Education (ASBDA) Foundation recently announced that R.B. Stall High School's band director, Tabytha Walls, is a recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Potential Award. This honor recognizes young band directors who show great potential and promise in the field of instrumental music education.

The award was presented by Principal Jeremy Carrick, Charleston County School District (CCSD) Fine Arts Coordinator Dr. Denisse Santos, and Basil Kerr, representative of the South Carolina chapter of the American Band Director's Association.

The Outstanding Potential Award is presented to instrumental music teachers who have had less than five years in teaching, and who have demonstrated initiative and leadership early in their careers. Only one director from each state may be nominated per year for this award. Because of this, recipients are considered among the very best young band directors in the nation.

"Since Ms. Walls started her teaching career with CCSD, she has been an example of hard work and determination," said Santos. "She has a love for her work and her students, and has been committed to doing whatever it takes to build a quality music program from the start. Her students love and appreciate her, and work hard to meet her expectations. This award is so well deserved!"

Walls was nominated in 2020 but the presentation was delayed due to the pandemic. There has been no nomination from South Carolina for the current year.

"Ms. Walls has exemplified excellence in the teaching profession," said Carrick. "It is even more exceptional that she has taught at such a high level so early in her career. I am pleased that she has received this award and been recognized for all the hard work and dedication she has shown to her students. The Stall High School community is fortunate to have her investing in our students to develop quality musicians."

The ASBDA is a national organization of elected members, dedicated to promoting quality band education through research, study, promotion, and publication. Their most famous publication, The ASBDA Curriculum Guide, is considered the industry standard curriculum guide used by successful school districts and college music education departments across the nation. Other research published by ASBDA includes studies on music and the brain, music administrator guides, discographies, lesson plans, and other supplemental materials for school band directors and music administrators.

"Tabatha Walls exemplifies the best and brightest of the next generation of outstanding educators," said Kerr. "The Outstanding Potential Award is a reflection of her efforts and the support and encouragement of the school district administration. Her students are lucky to have her."

For more about this honor for Walls, contact Principal Jeremy Carrick at (843) 764-2200.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is 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 more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.