



MORNINGSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Comcast provides digital support for Morningside students

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North Charleston, SC – Fifty scholars from Morningside Middle School are enjoying more access to technology thanks to the generosity of Comcast. On November 13, 2019, the telecommunications company hosted the Bandwidth for Growth Forum – which is part of a series of events in the Charleston area that celebrates the power of the digital economy and the power it has to transform lives, strengthen communities, and inspire a new generation of leaders.

The highlight happened at a Digital Inclusion Rally, where the students were surprised with free laptops and six months of free Internet service at home through Comcast's [Internet Essentials](#) program.

"This was an amazing event that afforded an opportunity for our scholars to experience both future tech career possibilities as well as the generosity of Comcast," explained Principal Stephanie Flock. "The laptop, as well as the discussions they had with local business people and public servants, are gifts they will take with them as they prepare for college and their careers."

Joining Principal Flock and the students at the Digital Inclusion Rally were City of Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg, State House of Representative Marvin Pendarvis, CEO of Charleston Communities in Schools Jamie Cooper, and Charleston County School District's Executive Director of the Middle School Learning Community (and former Morningside principal) Dr. Joe Williams.

Comcast recently invested \$14 million to expand their fiber optic network to support Charleston's technology needs today and tomorrow. At the same time, they are committed to ensuring that the benefits of the tech economy extend to all members of the community.

Comcast's new 122-mile [fiber optic network](#) across greater Charleston is capable of delivering up to 100-gigabit-per-second (Gbps) internet speeds to organizations of all sizes. The investment is designed to effectively support emerging technologies and the mission critical data transfers that today's businesses require.

"Comcast has a strong history of collaboration with and investment in

Charleston,” said Jason Gumbs, Comcast Regional SVP. “With today’s announcement, we are proud to offer the fastest internet speeds to the most businesses in the region, which nicely positions Charleston as a true smart city.”

For more about information about the Digital Inclusion Rally or the Bandwidth for Growth Forum, please contact Comcast’s Senior Manager for External Affairs, Jennifer Amundsen, at Jennifer_Amundsen@comcast.com or Principal Stephanie Flock at (843) 745-2000.

To see social media posts from the event (on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram), search the hashtags #BandwidthForGrowthCharleston, #DigitalInclusion, or #CHSTech.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing 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. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.