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PGMS salutes Charleston County School District for grounds maintenance excellence

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Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) Facilities Management Division was the only K-12 school district to receive an Honor Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS).

CCSD competed in the Society's 2019 Green Star Awards® competition. The award was given in the Athletic Fields category for exceptional grounds maintenance. Winners were honored during the Society's 2019 Awards Dinner held October 17, 2019 in conjunction with the School of Grounds Management & GIE+EXPO in Louisville, KY, October 15-18, 2019.

The second-largest school district in the state of South Carolina, CCSD serves more than 50,000 students at 87 locations with 60 acres of athletic turf, which includes 30 acres of athletic fields. Being very close to sea level, the grounds team is careful with pesticide application and utilizes organic-based products when possible.

West Ashley High School was the focus of the Green Star Award submission, according Ron Kramps, CCSD Associate of Facilities Management.

"I am so thankful for our Plant Operations and Service Solution team and their expertise in maintaining our athletic field," said Kramps. "The fields are beautifully maintained and this award is a fitting recognition of their dedicated service to CCSD."

The Green Star Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, complimenting other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction.

Overall, PGMS presented six Grand Awards, its highest honor, as well as 14 Honor Awards and four Merit Awards in nine categories of competition. To view a complete list of winners, please visit www.PGMS.org.

For more information on CCSD's Facilities Management Division, contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, 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.

About the Professional Grounds Management Society

Serving the profession for over 100 years, PGMS is an individual membership society of grounds professionals dedicated to advancing the grounds management profession through education and professional development. Further information on PGMS is available online at www.PGMS.org.