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CCSD's Office of Expanded Learning receives funding for after-school programming

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Charleston, SC — The South Carolina Department of Education recently announced more than \$4 million was awarded to school districts and programs through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grants. Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Office of Expanded Learning received \$320,000 this year, bringing the total they earn through the 21st Century grants to \$1.5 million annually.

The CCLC programs create opportunities for students and families to position themselves for success in school, careers, relationships and citizenship by providing programming that will expand academic instruction, enrichment opportunities, and foster positive parental involvement.

Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School and Pepperhill Elementary both received 21st Century grants this year; a total of 10 CCSD schools and nearly 1,000 students are currently supported by this funding.

The 21st Century grant program in CCSD is one of the largest in the state when it comes to funding and number of students served.

"We are so proud of our efforts to secure this important money for our community and our most underserved students," noted Jason Sakran, Director of Expanded Learning. "These grants expand opportunities to students who wouldn't otherwise have the chance to participate in a high quality after school program."

To learn how the grants will be implemented at CCSD schools, please contact Jason Sakran, Director of Expanded Learning, at (843) 402-7807. For more information about the 21st Century Community Learning Center program in South Carolina, contact Joyce Patterson, South Carolina Department of Education, Student Intervention Services Team Lead, at (803) 734-8291.

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About the Charleston County School District

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.