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CCSD sees significant improvement in overall school ratings

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Charleston, SC – The SC Department of Education and the Education Oversight Committee released 2019 School and District Report Cards, state test scores, and End Of Course Results Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Charleston County School District (CCSD) saw significant improvement in the overall rating of schools. The number of CCSD Excellent-rated schools increased by four from last year; Excellent/Good-rated schools increased by seven from last year; CCSD Average and Above schools increased by nine from last year; and CCSD Unsatisfactory schools dropped from 14 last year to only three this year.

Notably, 41-percent of CCSD schools improved their Overall rating and 60-percent of CCSD schools improved their Overall rating points (on a 100-point scale) from last year.

None of the 11 schools that were Rated Unsatisfactory last year are Unsatisfactory this year. All moved up at least one rating level. In addition, more than half of CCSD middle schools have an Excellent or Good rating.

End of Course results

In English, CCSD students improved the percentage making an A, B, or C matching the state's improvement. CCSD has 7.2-percent more students scoring at the "C" or above level than the state as a whole.

CCSD Students improved by nearly nine-percent in making an A, B, or C in history than the State as a whole.

In addition, the percentage of students scoring A, B, or C on all end-of-course tests is higher than the state.

Graduation Rate and College and Career Readiness

Students outperformed the state on the percentage of students demonstrating college *or* career, as well as college *and* career readiness. CCSD students also increased the on-time graduation rate, the percentage of students meeting college readiness, and career readiness levels compared to the previous year.

SC Ready ELA and Math Results

CCSD is above the state in both English and Math by over four percentage points in both subjects.

The overall percentage of all students in grades 3-8 combined scoring Meets or Exceeds improved from last year.

English Language Arts improved in two of three elementary grades and two of three middle grades, based on the percentage of students "meeting or exceeding" standards.

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SC PASS Science and Social Studies

CCSD is above the state in percentage of students scoring Met or Exemplary in Science and Social Studies.

Grades 5 and 7 took Social Studies. Grades 4, 6, 8 took Science.

This was the final year of PASS Social Studies testing. Scores dropped in the two grades tested (5 and 7) based on the percentage of students scoring Met or Exemplary.

Science scores improved in 4th grade but dropped in 6th and 8th grades based on the percentage of students scoring Meets or Exceeds.

A link to the District and all school report cards can be found here.

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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.