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# Media Release

## **Hooties Homegrown Roundup Provides Back to School Basics for 13th Year**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hootie and the Blowfish Homegrown Roundup at Burke High School August 17, 2019 to help better prepare students for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Roundup provides services and back-to-school supplies for 1,000 students from CCSD Title 1 schools. Services and supplies were donated by the band Hootie & the Blowfish and various local community businesses that included, haircuts, dental evaluations, eye exams, backpacks filled with school supplies.

Hootie & the Blowfish are one of the most successful music groups of all time selling over 25 million albums world-wide. The band believes they have a responsibility to use their celebrity status to help improve the lives of those in need, especially children. This type of philanthropic spirit led the band to establish Hootie's Homegrown Roundup: Back to School Basics in 2007.

The Roundup has helped over 13,000 students since its inception.

**This year, the Roundup served the needs of the following schools:**

1. Angel Oak Elementary
2. Chicora Elementary
3. Edmund A. Burns Elementary
4. Lambs Elementary
5. Midland Park Primary
6. Minnie Hughes Elementary
7. Mt. Zion Elementary
8. Pepperhill Elementary
9. Pinehurst Elementary
10. Sanders-Clyde Elementary
11. Stono Park Elementary

For more information regarding this event, please contact CCSD's 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.