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CCSD recognizes community partners and two stand-out staff leaders

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Board of Trustees honored long-time (37 years of service) staff member Sonya Jones, and the Department of Federal Programs during the special recognition portion of the regular board meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024. A scholarship has been created in her honor, called the "Sonya B. Jones McKinney-Vento and Unaccompanied Youth Scholarship." This scholarship will provide a one-time, \$500 payment to a CCSD McKinney-Vento (unhoused) senior attending an accredited higher education institution, a junior or community college, a career college, or an online degree program.

Jones serves as the program coordinator for the McKinney-Vento Program, the Neglected and Delinquent Program, the Foster Care Stability Program, and is the Title I Compliance Coordinator in the Department of Federal Programs. Because of her service and dedication over the years, the Department of Federal Programs and CCSD's community partners wanted to honor her legacy by establishing the fund.

Molina HealthCare, a community partner who has been instrumental in supporting CCSD's initiatives for unhoused students and their families, will fund the scholarship.

In addition, the following McKinney-Vento partners were recognized for their support of the district's efforts to support the unhoused students of CCSD: Jean's Angels, Lowcountry Food Bank, the Navigation Center, Village to Village Foundation, and WCSC-TV (Live 5 News).

West Ashley High School Athletic Director

The Board also recognized West Ashley High School's Joe Quigley for his recent induction into the South Carolina High School Athletic Director Hall of Fame. The West Ashley Wildcats' Athletic Director has served on the South Carolina Athletic Administrator Association's (SCAAA) board since 2007, chaired the SCAAA Hall of Fame Committee, and held leadership roles in the South Carolina High School League.

Quigley's accolades include the South Carolina State Merit Award (2015) and South Carolina Athletics Director of the Year (2017). After retiring in 2021, following the passing of his close friend and mentee, Jeff Phillips, Quigley returned to the role at West Ashley High School (WAHS), to support Principal Ryan Cumback in building a strong athletic program at WAHS.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.