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BRANCHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NAMED NATIONAL BETA SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to announce that Branchville High School is a 2023-2024 National Beta School of Distinction. The school earned this recognition by increasing their club's membership by at least 10% from last year.

National Beta School of Distinction is an honor for Beta clubs striving towards academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership, and service to others. With an ongoing quest to instill these qualities in more students, the National Beta School of Distinction Award is designed to reward those schools that show an increase in membership for the current school year. This year, only 22% of Beta Clubs across the country received this award.

In a congratulatory letter to the school, Bobby Hart, CEO said, "This national award speaks highly of your commitment to academic excellence and illustrates your dedication to preparing students for their future."

Award recipients will receive a National Beta School of Distinction banner to proudly display as a symbol of their accomplishment.

"This recognition of Branchville High School as a National Beta School of Distinction highlights the dedication of our students and staff to fostering academic excellence and leadership. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and commitment to these values," stated Dr. Shawn D. Foster, Superintendent of OCSD.

About National Beta

With more than 500,000 active members and 9,000 chapters nationally and internationally, National Beta has become the nation's largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization. National Beta recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, and fosters leadership

skills. National Elementary Beta includes grades 4-5, National Junior Beta includes grades 4-8, and National Senior Beta includes grades 9-12. The National Beta program offers over \$300,000 annually to its Senior Beta Members. Visit betaclub.org for more information.

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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