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## Media Release

### **Board of Trustees recognizes the opening of the new International Welcome Center**

**Charleston, SC** - Board of Trustees recognizes the opening of the new International Welcome Center

Charleston County School District (CCSD) staff and Board of Trustees members were proud to recognize the incredible work of Dr. Angela Rush and the members of the Multilingual Support and Outreach team in opening the CCSD [International Welcome Center](#).

The Board acknowledged the team's efforts as the center will provide a vital resource for students and families new to our community.

The center serves as a cornerstone for families by providing essential support, including medical assistance and guidance while connecting them with the necessary resources to ensure a smooth transition into the school system. From enrolling in school to addressing health needs, the International Welcome Center is a shining example of CCSD's commitment to serving all children and their families.

The Board thanked everyone involved:

Dr. Angela Rush  
Paul Palagi  
Lindsay Paredes  
Gloria Collazo-Rodrigues  
Christina Vivas  
Macarena Keating  
Keturah Gadson

#### **All Parent Advocates from the Department of Multilingual Services:**

Erica Ewing  
Natalia Pinto  
Magaly Torres  
Will Nieves Davis

#### **Instructional Support from the Department of Multilingual Services**

Fred Pleis  
Rose Witmer

**Administration Support from the Department of Multilingual Services:**  
Claudia Vara

**Interns:**  
Brianna Badea  
Helin Bilgis

Their hard work and commitment ensure we welcome our new students and their families with open arms.

The recognition took place on Monday, October 2, 2024, at the Board of Trustees meeting in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The district's International Welcome Center is located on the campus of Pinehurst Elementary School in North Charleston and serves new multilingual learners and their families across the county.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.