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Department of School Support honors schools for attendance milestones

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Charleston, SC – Eight Charleston County School District (CCSDD) schools were celebrated on Wednesday for their remarkable milestone of achieving a 95 percent perfect attendance rate during the Department of School Support and Community Engagement's (DoSS) *Touchdown to Attendance Challenge*.

Academic Magnet High School, Orange Grove Charter School, Buist Academy for Advanced Studies, Camp Road Middle School, Haut Gap Middle School, James Island Elementary School, Laing Middle School, and Moultrie Middle School were the eight schools that rose to the challenge, earning the title of "Touchdown to Attendance Champions."

"The TouchDown to Attendance Campaign aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and dedication to improving school attendance rates by having fun, being creative, and encouraging healthy competition.," said Talecia Drayton, Department of School Support & Community Engagement's Director of School Attendance and Discipline Services. "The objectives were to foster a positive environment within the school building and to emphasize the importance of attendance and its benefits to academic progress."

Champion schools received a football autographed by the DoSS team, CCSD leadership, and Superintendent Huggins, as well as congratulatory certificates for all of their students.

"It was wonderful to witness how excited the students and administration staff were when they received their awards for their achievements," Drayton added.

Regular school attendance is a crucial factor in a child's academic success. Parents and families must prioritize punctuality and attendance, ensuring that their children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

If parents and families have questions or concerns about their child's ability to attend school regularly please contact CCSD's Department of School Support and Community Engagement at (843)745-7150 or email at

ccsd_attendance@charleston.k12.sc.us. 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.