



**Mary Ford Early Learning &
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Mary Ford Students to Showcase HBCU Pride in Community Parade

Who: Students, families, staff, community members, and media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What: Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center is delighted to announce the participation of its students in an upcoming parade featuring Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The event will celebrate academic excellence, cultural diversity, and community engagement.

The annual initiative involves students and integrates educational opportunities through their preparation. Throughout February, Mary Ford students have researched various HBCUs, explored the history, notable alumni, academic programs, and cultural aspects of these institutions. The goal of this project is to instill a sense of pride and appreciation for the legacy and contributions of HBCUs, and to give scholars a glimpse of what their future may hold.

The parade will feature the students proudly showcasing their newfound knowledge about HBCUs through chants, music, and banners.

In addition, the marching band from Military Magnet Academy will set the stage with their band, and drumline, and members of Gothic Lodge #212 will serve as parade marshals, guiding the children along the route and ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Parents and community members are welcome to cheer the students on during the parade and are asked to arrive before 8:50 a.m. due to the closure of Thomasina McPherson Blvd.

When: Friday, February 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.; please arrive by 8:50 a.m.

Where: Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center, 3180 Thomasina McPherson Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29405

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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.