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## Media Release

### **Students from Clemson's College of Education "Experience Charleston"**

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**Charleston, SC** - More than 20 future educators from Clemson University visited Charleston County School District (CCSD) to participate in "Experience Charleston," a program designed to provide potential teachers with opportunities to engage in learning walks across the district, focusing on observing teaching and learning in action. Over the course of two days, these Clemson Teacher Fellows visited E.B. Ellington Elementary School, Pinehurst Elementary School, R.B. Stall High School, and West Ashley High School.

Our visit with Clemson focused on how CCSD schools are addressing the needs of our evolving community, particularly in supporting English Language Learners and CCSD's diverse student population.

"The two days spent with future educators from Clemson were truly valuable," said AJ Barnes, a CCSD Talent Specialist. "It provided a wonderful opportunity for CCSD to showcase the talents of our teachers and leaders across the district. More importantly, at each visit, the sense of community and the strong relationships our educators have formed with all of our students were clearly demonstrated. We look forward to continuing and growing our partnership with Clemson University."

The learning walks culminated in a debriefing session, where the group reflected on their experiences, engaged with Superintendent Anita Huggins and Chief Human Resources Officer Bill Briggman, and participated in a Q&A session with a Teacher of the Year panel.

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.