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A.C. Corcoran Welcomes Mayor Burgess for Parent University Event

North Charleston, SC - North Charleston's Mayor, Reggie Burgess, was the keynote speaker at A.C. Corcoran Elementary School's Parent University on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Mayor Burgess opened the day with a heartfelt speech about his childhood and growing up in North Charleston.

"It was relatable and inspirational for the parents as he described his journey from childhood to becoming Mayor of North Charleston," said Principal Johnathon Wideman. "He encouraged and reinforced the goals of Parent University as parents were encouraged to support and be involved in their children's lives including their school."

After the keynote address, there were breakout sessions for the parents. Some of the sessions were Improving Literacy in the Home, Testing Strategies, Mental Health, Real Champions Mentor Program and Financial Literacy. The North Charleston Police Department and the Mayor's Office also had tables of valuable information for the parents.

Parent University is a school-based community collaborative that equips parents with educational resources and knowledge to promote academic excellence, positive social and emotional health, and financial literacy.

Pamela Bryant, the school's parent advocate, organized the event.

"There was a great turnout of parents, and those parents who attended were enthusiastic and excited about the resources provided," explained Bryant.

Families were able to visit community resource tables from additional organizations, including Charleston County Public Library, North Charleston Parks and Recreation, Real Champion Mentor, City of North Charleston Victim Advocate, City of North Charleston Junior Cops, and HH Mortgage. Families forged and strengthened relationships with school staff, received relevant and timely information and were able to take home fresh produce as well.

Throughout the event, interpretation services were provided by Charleston County School District's Office of Translation and Interpretation Services and Department of Multilingual Services to ensure that our multilingual families had access to all the

information and presentations. While parents and guardians attended presentations, children attended free childcare provided by Kaleidoscope.

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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.