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Media Release

Wando Educator Wins PSTA Classroom Grant

Mount Pleasant, SC (August 14, 2025) – When Wando High School teacher-librarian Fred Corson found out he was selected as a recipient of the 2025 Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA) Classroom Grant, he was in the middle of helping students in the school library. It was a fitting location for the surprise announcement, made in person by PTSA Director of Teacher Leadership Craig King.

This specific grant will purchase fun items such as stickers, pens, candy, and bookmarks as prizes for Wando’s monthly winners of the “Ravenous Reader Award” powered by Beanstack, a program that tracks students’ reading minutes. To encourage school-wide participation, Corson will organize grade-level competitions where the homeroom with the highest collective reading minutes earns a trophy.

“As librarians, our main goal is to promote a love of reading and information literacy among students,” Corson explained. “The PSTA Classroom Grant would allow us to expand this program, celebrate student achievement, and help nurture a lifelong love of reading among a greater number of students.”

This is the fourth year of the PSTA classroom grants created as part of the Reinvesting in Our Members program. The grants are awarded annually to encourage and support PSTA members as they serve students across South Carolina.

The Palmetto State Teachers Association is the largest professional education association for teachers in South Carolina. PSTA provides professional benefits to support its members throughout their careers in education. More information can be found at www.palmettoteachers.org.

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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 51,000 students in 90 schools and specialized programs.

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