



Charleston County School District
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Media Release

Board Recognizes Lisa McClary as Latest 212° Recipient

Charleston, SC (September 10, 2025) - Charleston County School District (CCSD) presented the second recipient of the 212° - The Extra Degree Award to Lisa McClary, the school nurse at Oakland Elementary School, during the September 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. Recipients of the Extra Degree Award will be those who demonstrate consistent excellence and extra effort. They go above and beyond in ways that directly improve student learning, well-being, or school culture. They have a positive impact on others. They embody Innovation and initiative and identify challenges, and take action. Recipients model the district's commitment to respect, equity, collaboration, and student success.

On August 19, Nurse McClary's quick thinking and swift response made all the difference when a student experienced a significant allergic reaction to ant bites while on the playground. Recognizing the seriousness of the student's symptoms, Nurse McClary administered an EpiPen, stabilizing the student and ensuring they received the urgent care they needed in a critical moment. Her calm presence and professional expertise helped keep the situation under control until additional medical support arrived.

Nurse McClary's decisive actions demonstrate not only her medical knowledge but also her dedication to the safety and well-being of every child in her care. In a matter of seconds, she turned a potentially life-threatening emergency into a situation of safety and reassurance. Even though the student had no known allergies, Nurse McClary was able to quickly identify and treat the anaphylaxis by using the EpiPen.

Additionally, in honor of National Arts Education Week, CCSD was proud to recognize teachers from eleven Charleston County schools for receiving **Arts Curricular Innovation Grants** from the South Carolina Department of Education.

These grants are designed to support high-quality arts education programs that help our students thrive in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.

The following schools and arts educators successfully implemented grant projects for the 24-25 school year, significantly improving student achievement in the arts for CCSD.

- A.C. Corcoran Elementary - Heather Jones
- Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary -Olivia Bergen, Cynthia Hines, and Laura Rittle
- Hunley Park Elementary - Mackenzie Alexander

- Meeting Street @Brentwood - Jessica Seymour
- Meeting Street @Burns - Hannah Lamb
- Murray-LaSaine Montessori - Heather Teems
- North Charleston High School - Jennifer Connell
- Pepperhill Elementary - Caitlin Gann
- Sanders-Clyde Elementary - Stella Williams
- W.B. Goodwin Elementary - Tracy Harler

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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.