



Charleston County School District
Office of Communications
 75 Calhoun St.,
 Charleston, SC 29401
 (843) 937-6303

Media Release

CCSD Launches High-Intensity Tutoring Program with Outcomes-Based Contracting to Accelerate Student Achievement

Charleston, SC (September 18, 2025) – Charleston County School District (CCSD) announces a new High-Intensity Tutoring (HIT) initiative designed to deliver intensive academic support to students who need it most. The district will partner with a network of vetted tutoring providers using an outcomes-based contracting model—an innovative approach that ties payment for services directly to measurable student progress.

Under the new model, CCSD and tutoring providers agree in advance on clear, quantifiable outcomes such as gains on standardized assessments, improved reading levels, or demonstrated mastery of key skills *before* services are delivered. Providers are compensated based on the academic growth their students achieve, ensuring that resources are invested where they have the greatest impact on learning.

“Our students deserve tutoring programs that are not only high quality, but also proven to move the needle on achievement,” Superintendent of Schools Anita Huggins explained. “By linking payment to student results, we are ensuring accountability and focusing every dollar on what matters most, accelerating learning.”

“This outcomes-based approach protects taxpayers and strengthens our return on investment,” Chief Financial Officer Daniel Prentice added. “We are funding what works, rewarding providers who help students make real, measurable gains, and aligning our budget decisions with our academic goals.”

HIT will be delivered in small groups by in-person and virtual providers across core subjects. CCSD will tie provider payments to measurable student progress, with bonuses for the highest levels of growth, aligning incentives to drive strong academic gains.

“This initiative puts students first and ensures we spend every dollar wisely,” said Leah Whatley, Chair of the Board of Trustees’ Audit & Finance Committee. “It reflects our commitment to helping students succeed while being good stewards of the community’s resources.”

For more information, call CCSD’s Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

###

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



Charleston County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anita W. Huggins, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools
 Andy Pruitt, Director of Communications

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.

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.

