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Media Release

Charleston County School District Honors Operations Division Employees of the Year

Charleston, SC (October 9, 2025) Charleston County School District (CCSD) proudly announces the 2025 Operations Division Employees of the Year, celebrating five exceptional team members who exemplify dedication and service. These individuals represent the best of the district's commitment to operational excellence across essential services that keep schools running safely, efficiently, and with care.

The 2025 Operations Division Employee of the Year is Jamie Simpson, Nutrition Services Manager at Lucy Beckham High School. Jamie's leadership has transformed the school's cafeteria into a model of teamwork, efficiency, and student engagement. Under his guidance, student meal participation has significantly increased in both breakfast and lunch programs, thanks to his focus on quality, service, and connection with students. Known for his servant leadership, Jamie never asks his team to do anything he wouldn't do himself. His collaborative approach has fostered professional growth among his staff and earned him the Spirit of the Bengal Award from Lucy Beckham High School, where he received a standing ovation from students for his impact on their daily lives

"Jamie represents what's best about CCSD Operations exhibiting humility, excellence, and teamwork," said Chief Operating Officer Jeff Borowy. "He's a leader who quietly transforms his workplace by example. His focus on quality, consistency, and care for others makes him a role model for us all."

The district also celebrates the outstanding contributions of four additional divisional honorees:

Cindy Jones – Transportation Services

A Special Needs Transportation Technician III, Cindy has dedicated 17 years to CCSD and transformed how the district serves students with exceptionalities. Her leadership in route optimization, proactive planning, and collaboration across departments has improved service for hundreds of families, ensuring students arrive safely and on time every day

Heather Gordon – Nursing Services

As Administrative Assistant for Nursing Services, Heather has quickly become indispensable. She ensures compliance with Medicaid reimbursements, manages medical supply logistics for 80 schools, and created a photo directory to help unify nurses across the district. Known for her calm professionalism and proactive support, she has become "the heart of the Nursing Services team"

Sean Beran – Security and Emergency Management

A Facility Security Responder, Sean's unwavering dedication to safety is demonstrated in his



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tireless service during severe weather events, where he even slept at the Emergency Operations Center to ensure staff and student safety. He has also trained colleagues on new alarm and communication systems, ensuring seamless security operations across CCSD

Michael Dellinger – Facilities Management

As Grounds Manager, Michael has overseen millions of dollars in major improvement projects, including playground upgrades and the \$6.5 million Johns Island Park project. His leadership and professionalism have set new standards for efficiency and excellence, making CCSD campuses more welcoming and accessible for all students

“Our Operations Division is the foundation that allows teaching and learning to happen,” said Superintendent Anita Huggins. “Each of these honorees represents the teamwork, pride, and care that define CCSD. Their work behind the scenes makes a visible difference in every classroom, every day.”

From preparing healthy meals and maintaining safe campuses to supporting nurses and ensuring every student’s transportation needs are met, these honorees demonstrate the spirit of service that defines Charleston County School District. Their dedication reminds us that excellence isn’t achieved by chance, but that it’s built every day, by people who care deeply about their work and the communities they serve.

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.