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Media Release

North Charleston High School Celebrates 100 Years of Shaping Lives and Building Futures

Charleston, SC (October 8, 2025) - Charleston County School District is kicking off a year-long celebration to honor North Charleston High School's (NCHS) rich history and to celebrate the 100th anniversary. The year will be filled with events, performances, and opportunities to view memorabilia and historical items in the dedicated archive room located on the school campus.

"Reaching our 100th anniversary is both a celebration of our past and a promise for our future," said Principal Henry Darby. "This milestone reflects the generations of students, families, educators, and community members who have poured their hearts into making our school a place of learning, growth, and belonging. As we honor a century of excellence, we look forward to building on this legacy for the next 100 years."

North Charleston High School was established in a growing city with a need for a larger school building, built in 1922. North Charleston High School opened in 1926. The school became a central part of a city whose growth was heavily influenced by the U.S. Navy base established in 1901, which was a major employer.

"This centennial is more than a marker of time - it is a testament to the unwavering spirit of our school community," added Darby. "We are proud of where we have been, grateful for where we are, and inspired by where we are headed. Together, we will continue shaping bright futures for generations to come."

"North Charleston High School's century of service is remarkable, but the way it continues to shape lives today is just as inspiring," said CCSD Superintendent Anita Huggins. "Under Mr. Darby's steady and passionate leadership, this school has become a place of hope and opportunity for students and their families, and that influence will endure for generations."

Alumni and community members are invited to loan or donate memorabilia from their collections to be added to the newly renovated archive room. Please contact Pamela Clark at (843) 745-7140 or text Principal Henry Darby at (843) 901-6793.

Early History & North Charleston's Growth



- **1915:** The first North Charleston Graded School opens on East Montague Avenue with 20 pupils, designing the city's future with its layout of schools.
- **1922:** A larger graded school building opens on Durant Avenue.
- **1930s:** The population of North Charleston grows as the U.S. Navy Yard provides employment, increasing the demand for public schools.
- North Charleston High School in the City
- **1950s:** North Charleston High School establishes the Attaway-Heinsohn Stadium, which is dedicated in 1956 and is located across Montague Avenue from the school building.
- **2018:** The city district announces the demolition of the Attaway-Heinsohn Stadium to make way for the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies.
- **2020:** North Charleston High School becomes known for its academic achievements and is included on U.S. News & World Report's list of best high schools in the Charleston area.

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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.