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Media Advisory

CCSD Students Set to Compete in Annual Aquatic STEM Competition

Who: Media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend and cover the competition.

What: Nearly 20 local schools, many of them from Charleston County School District (CCSD), are scheduled to participate in the 16th Annual Charleston SeaPerch Challenge.

SeaPerch is an international STEM educational and robotics program centered around building and competing with a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROV). Students in 5th grade through high school use low-cost, accessible materials to design, construct, and operate underwater robots, learning core concepts in engineering, science, math, teamwork, and problem-solving. where teams compete in pool-based courses and technical challenges.

SeaPerch isn't just a robotics contest; it's designed to spark student interest in engineering and marine sciences, build real-world STEM skills through an engaging project-based experience, and connect learners globally through collaborative competition.

CCSD K-12 STEAM Initiative and CCSD Curriculum & Instruction (Science) Department are hosting this year's challenge.

The winner of this regional event qualifies for the International SeaPerch Challenge, which will be at the University of Maryland later this spring.

When: Wednesday, February 25, 2026; competition starts at 10:00 a.m.

Where: North Charleston Sports Complex, 1455 Monitor Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

For additional information, please contact CCSD's 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 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.