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Media Release

CCSD Board Approves Peninsula Attendance Line Adjustments as Part of Peninsula Promise

Charleston, SC (March 10, 2026) - During a Special Called Meeting on March 9, 2026, the Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees unanimously approved [Option 5](#), establishing new attendance lines for elementary schools on the Peninsula.

The decision follows deep analysis and community engagement, including the review of enrollment trends, school capacity, residential development, and feedback from Peninsula families and residents.

“This process included meaningful conversations with families, staff, and community members,” said Superintendent Anita Huggins. “We appreciate everyone who shared their perspectives and helped inform this important decision for Peninsula students and schools.”

Option 5 preserves walkability and neighborhood connections while balancing enrollment across Peninsula schools. The adjustment also supports long-term planning by distributing anticipated enrollment from future housing developments and helping maintain strong, vibrant school communities across the Peninsula.

The new elementary attendance boundaries will take effect for all students beginning in the 2027–2028 school year. Current students attending a Peninsula elementary school may remain through the final grade span at their school. Students who attend Julian Mitchell Elementary and live on the Peninsula will be allowed to attend their first-choice Peninsula school. Students who attend Mitchell Elementary and do not reside on the Peninsula will receive priority for their first-choice Peninsula school.

The new attendance lines are part of the district’s broader [Peninsula Promise](#) initiative, a comprehensive effort designed to strengthen neighborhood schools and expand educational opportunities for students living on the Charleston Peninsula.

Peninsula Promise includes several key components:

- Strengthening neighborhood schools through strategic attendance boundaries and balanced enrollment
- Expanded academic and career pathways for middle and high school students
- New partnerships with higher education institutions, including the College of Charleston and the American College of the Building Arts
- The College of Charleston Scholars Academy providing Advanced Placement and dual credit opportunities
- A Building Arts pathway connected to hands-on learning and career opportunities
- The Linard McCloud Cultural Arts Collective, supporting expanded arts experiences for students

At the middle school level, Simmons-Pinckney Middle School will relocate to the recently renovated Mitchell campus and will transition to a countywide magnet beginning in August 2026, prioritizing Peninsula students and offering expanded career exploration and applied learning opportunities.

High school students will have access to additional pathways and partnerships designed to prepare them for college, careers, and leadership opportunities in Charleston's growing economy.

"We are grateful for the continued support and engagement of the Peninsula community," Huggins said. "Together, we are building a stronger future for our neighborhood schools and expanding opportunities for every student who calls the Charleston Peninsula home."

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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.