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OCSD Schools Recognized Among South Carolina's Highest-Growth Schools

Lockett Elementary and Carver-Edisto Middle School honored at South Carolina State House

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to announce that Lockett Elementary School and Carver-Edisto Middle School have been identified as two of South Carolina's highest-growth schools, based on the just released 2026 South Carolina School Report Cards.

Representatives from both schools joined state education leaders for the special announcement and celebration at the South Carolina State House on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The recognition celebrates schools demonstrating significant student growth and reflects the collective work of students, teachers, school leaders, families and the broader community.

"This recognition is a powerful testament to what is possible when students are challenged, educators are supported, school leaders remain focused and families stay engaged in the work," said OCSD Superintendent Dr. Shawn Foster. "Lockett Elementary and Carver-Edisto Middle School have demonstrated that meaningful academic growth is the result of intentionality, consistency and a belief in what our children can achieve. We are proud of the progress these school communities have made, but we also understand that this recognition is not the finish line. It is evidence that our strategies are working, our students are moving forward, and Orangeburg County School District is continuing to build momentum toward higher levels of achievement across every school," shared Dr. Foster.

OCSD REPRESENTATIVES CELEBRATED:

Lockett Elementary School

- Chasity Fralix, Principal
- Jordyn Kennedy, Teacher of the Year
- Trace Dukes, Student
- Wayne Dukes, Parent

Carver-Edisto Middle School

- Karen F. James, Principal
- Brittany Salley, Teacher of the Year
- Destini Calimag, Student
- Retonia Tager, Grandmother

The recognition of Lockett Elementary and Carver-Edisto Middle School underscores OCSD's continued focus on accelerating academic achievement, strengthening classroom instruction and ensuring students across the district experience meaningful academic growth.

Orangeburg County School District

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