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Charleston County Government and CCSD Join Forces to Recycle

Goal is for Every School Across the District to Have Bins on Premises and Recycle This Year

On Friday, September 30 <u>Charleston County Government</u> and <u>Charleston County School</u> <u>District</u> will officially kick-off their recycling partnership for the 2011 - 2012 school year. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at <u>Sanders-Clyde Elementary School</u>, 805 Morrison Drive, downtown Charleston. Charleston County Government invested \$40,000 to provide equipment and drop boxes for schools in rural Charleston County for this partnership. Once these drop-boxes are delivered, every school across the district will be able to recycle all paper, plastic, cans and cardboard.

"Here at the County we're making it a priority to provide recycling resources to all of our citizens, even the youngest ones still in school. This is a way to help the environment and supplement their education with lifelong lessons on reducing, reusing and recycling," Chairman Pryor said.

"We are excited to partner with Charleston County Government and join the growing number of Lowcountry businesses, community organizations and individuals who are passionate about being good stewards of the environment. In many ways, sustainable business is smart business that focuses on efficiencies in energy, waste, and processes. It's a win-win for everyone," added the Superintendent.

Speakers on Friday will be:

<u>Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman.</u>
<u>Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley, Charleston County School District</u>

The CCSD aims to foster environmental sustainability across the district and has launched the Sustainable Schools Initiative. This three-tiered plan focuses on sustainable, healthy schools, sustainable construction and sustainable curriculum. This is a comprehensive approach that considers what is best for students and staff as well as the environment.

Charleston County is committed to providing recycling services for all Charleston County Schools. In addition to collecting recyclable materials, Charleston County will be conducting waste assessments and providing a comprehensive education and outreach program for teachers and students through a school recycling representative. These actions in conjunction

with CCSD Sustainable Schools Initiative will ultimately lead to a reduction in the amount of garbage generated and support County Council's goal of a 40% recycling rate.

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