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**Making a Difference for Students, Schools and Educators**  
**Focus of New Greenville County Schools Foundation**

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GREENVILLE, SC --- "Making a difference for students, schools and educators" will be the focus of the new Greenville County Schools Foundation unveiled today during the School Board's Committee of the Whole meeting.

In presenting the recommendation, Superintendent Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher stated, "The GCS Foundation will fund opportunities for students and educators that either are not or cannot be funded by our primary funding sources - state and local taxes. Schools are about community and we must work hand-in-hand to provide experiences and support that would not otherwise be possible. Enhancements funded by the foundation can make a difference in the lives of our students and educators and ultimately the community because everyone benefits by having a quality school system, graduates and educators."

"It is essential, especially in today's economic climate, that we build upon the outstanding support provided through our PTAs and school volunteer programs," noted Board Chairman Megan Hickerson. "A public school foundation will provide another option for businesses, charitable foundations and the greater community to have a positive impact on our students and schools. Our school board looks forward to working with our administration and community to make the foundation a reality."

Greenville County Schools, the state's largest and nation's 51<sup>st</sup> largest school district with 69,000 students, joins many other school districts and private and public colleges that have established foundations to enrich their programs.

The tax-exempt GCS Foundation will raise funds to supplement and enhance various needs, including educational programs, leadership development, student and staff recognition, wellness

programs, community relations, and human services. Possible funding sources for the GCS Foundation include charitable foundations, grants, businesses, and supportive citizens.

The GCS Foundation is an initiative of goal four of the School System's Education Plan to effectively manage and further develop financial resources. It will have a different purpose than another local foundation, The Alliance for Quality Education, which is an independent community voice for public education.