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GOV. HALEY AND THE ORIGINAL SIX FOUNDATION CELEBRATE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN UNION

Governor Nikki Haley and The Original Six Foundation today celebrated a new after school program at Jonesville Elementary Middle School-- encouraging learning through interactive hands on activities and serving 5th through 8th graders.

The program will focus on improving student's academic performance teaching technology skills based in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and offering students individualized help with their homework. While activities will primarily focus on STEM subjects, instructors have the flexibility to tailor student's programs to focus on specific areas or subjects where the student is struggling or needs extra attention.

Additionally, each month students will focus on a building a character trait that will be incorporated in each activity the students complete-- including but not limited to life skills and social skills development, engaging in community outreach and participating in visits from mentors. This month students will focus on communication skills with future months highlighting focus areas such as: respect and self-responsibility, food and nutrition, finance, health and hygiene, and leadership.

The program operates Monday through Thursday from 3:00PM to 5:00PM throughout the school year, and transportation and snacks are provided to each student daily. Organized and funded by The Original Six Foundation, local teachers are paid a stipend to implement the program.

Similar after school programs have also been started at Richard Carroll Elementary School in Bamberg, SC for 5th and 6th graders and at Manning Junior High School in Clarendon, SC for 7th and 8th graders.

About The Original Six Foundation

The Original The Original Six Foundation is a non-profit organization started by Governor Nikki Haley after she took office in 2011, as a way for neighbors to help neighbors across our state. The Original Six focuses on uniting public, private and civic leaders and resources to identify and address the challenging issues facing South Carolina's neediest communities in the areas of education, quality of life, and workforce readiness.

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