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**WINNSBORO**, **SC** – This afternoon, Midlands STEM Charter School (MSCS) earned the Charter Institute at Erskine 2021-2022 Silver Local School of Distinction award for its middle school program. Members of the Charter Institute at Erskine's staff and leadership were in attendance and presented the school's leaders with a commemorative plaque at the school.

As a Silver Local School of Distinction, MSCS' middle school program outperformed its local school district in English and Mathematics test scores, and achieved on-target growth in English and Mathematics scores.

<u>Midlands STEM Charter School</u> is a K-12 public charter school that focuses on developing academically and physically fit STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) students. Midlands STEM is authorized through the Charter Institute at Erskine.

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The Charter Institute at Erskine is the fastest-growing school district in South Carolina. Serving 24 schools and 24,000 students across the state, the Charter Institute at Erskine is committed to innovative, creative, high-quality methods of education. For more information about the Institute, please visit www.erskinecharters.org.



Members of the Charter Institute at Erskine leadership team with MSCS leadership, staff, and board members.



Charter Institute at Erskine Superintendent Cameron Runyan with MSCS Principal Cynthia Prince and Board Chair Kevin Thomas.



Charter Institute at Erskine Director of Federal Programs (Finance) Sarah Shealy presents Local School of Distinction award to Ms. Prince.



Charter Institute at Erskine Executive Deputy Superintendent of Innovation and Accountability Rich Melzer presents data about MSCS' academic accomplishments.