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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KINGSTREE HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FAMED BAND DIRECTOR THAT STARRED IN THE MOVIE "DRUMLINE," MR. EDDIE ELLIS WILL BE TEACHING THE MARCHING MIGHTY MERGE BAND THIS THURSDAY

Mr. Eddie Ellis is a 1975 graduate of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga. with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public School Music and a minor in Education. In 1986, he obtained a Master of Music Education degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. He has also studied at Florida State University, the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music – CCM, and The University of Texas at Austin. In 2011 Mr. Ellis was awarded the Palmetto Patriot Award by South Carolina Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer. The Palmetto Patriot Award is given for One's commitment to public service within their state and community. The award is the highest civilian honor that the lieutenant governor can bestow. He appeared in the movie "Drumline" where he was the Director of Bands at Morris Brown College. He has also been the Director of Bands at SC State University (where he taught Dr. James L. Patterson, Director of Bands at Kingstree High). He then taught at Allen University where he taught several of Dr. Patterson's students. Mr. Ellis will be at Kingstree High School teaching the Marching Mighty Merge Band this Thursday. We are super excited to have him come in and work with our students!

Mission: The mission of Williamsburg County School District is to prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship in a global society.
Vision: In partnership with all stakeholders, Williamsburg County School District will ensure a world-class education for all students by utilizing a rigorous, innovative curriculum that focuses on creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving.

"Refining & Redesigning Teaching and Learning!"