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FOURTH ANNUAL MERGE BATTLE OF THE BANDS HELD AT KINGSTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Kingstree High School was alive with energy and excitement this past Saturday, May 10th, as it hosted the highly anticipated MERGE Battle of the Bands. The event brought together talented student musicians from across the region to showcase their skills and compete for top honors.

Held in the school's gymnasium, the competition featured a variety of high school musicians, drawing a large crowd of students, families, and community members. Bands delivered electrifying performances that highlighted not only their musical abilities but also their creativity and teamwork.

The event was nothing short of phenomenal. Our gymnasium was filled with energy, talent, and community pride as bands from across the region showcased their hard work and musical excellence. The performances were electrifying, the crowd was engaged, and the atmosphere was both competitive and supportive—truly a celebration of culture, creativity, and school spirit.

"Kingstree High School was proud to host such a high-caliber event. The feedback from directors, parents, and community members was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the professionalism, hospitality, and strong sense of unity displayed throughout the day. Let's continue building on this momentum as we move forward. The MERGE was not just a battle—it was a movement." Dr. James Patterson, KHS Band Director

Kingstree High School thanks all participating bands, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for making the event a memorable success. Plans are already underway for an even bigger MERGE Battle of the Bands next year. The participating schools: West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, NC, Manning High School, Manning, SC, Timberland High School, St. Stephen, SC, Darlington High School, Darlington, SC, Kingstree High School, Kingstree, SC, Lee Central High School, Bishopville, SC.