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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH PROJECT R.E.A.C.H. TO PROMOTE CYBERSECURITY OFFERINGS

On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Williamsburg County School District's (WCSD) officials met alongside representatives from Project R.E.A.C.H. (Realizing Equitable Access to Cybersecurity in High School), a workforce development initiative, to promote cybersecurity offerings to Williamsburg County School District's students. The Project R.E.A.C.H. Kick-off was held in the Dr. Rose H. Wilder Multipurpose Room at the WCSD District Office. Project R.E.A.C.H. is a feeder program that connects K-12 schools to minority-serving institutions' (in this case, Claflin University in Orangeburg) cybersecurity and computer science programs to close the diversity gap in cybersecurity. CYBER.ORG facilitates the relationship between high school classrooms and their local minority-serving institutions through cybersecurity activities, classroom support, campus visits, and more.

Project R.E.A.C.H. aims to diversify the cybersecurity workforce by ensuring all students have equal access to cybersecurity education. By leveraging CYBER.ORG's curriculum, students are exposed to the foundational and technical skills needed to confidently pursue careers in the cybersecurity industry. The onboarding of HBCUs highlights Project R.E.A.C.H.'s rapid growth as CYBER.ORG broadens its effort to improve cybersecurity literacy nationwide and provide high school students with better access to cybersecurity education, cybersecurity skills development resources, and opportunities to pursue mentorships and careers in the field.

The Program: Presiding: Sherry Fulton, Career Specialist, Greetings/Purpose: Mr. Torrance Wilson, WCSD Career and Technology Education Director, Reflections: Mr. Rakeem Martin, WCSD Cyber Security Student, Partnerships: Mr. Kelvin L. Little, Computer Science Regional Coach SCDE, Partnerships, Mr. Raquel Boulware, Claflin University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Project Reach: Mr. Corisma Akins and Mr. Willie Henderson, Cybersecurity Outreach Specialist, and Closing Remarks: Dr. Kelvin Wymbs, WCSD Superintendent.