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RICHLAND TWO ANNOUNCES FORMAL PARTNERSHIP WITH SERVE & CONNECT

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Continuing our focus on improving the safety and security of our schools and the greater community, Richland School District Two has partnered with the non-profit organization Serve & Connect. The media is invited to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the district and Serve & Connect on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Richland Northeast High School.

Serve & Connect has worked with schools within the Woodfield and Dentsville communities informally for several years. This MOU signing serves to formalize the partnership in order to achieve mutually beneficial goals focused on safety for families in the community and healthy communication with law enforcement.

As part of this formal partnership, Serve & Connect will announce three upcoming events to be held within the community in the near future.

Speaking at the MOU signing and available for interviews will be:

Nancy Gregory, Interim Superintendent for Richland Two
Leon Lott, Richland County Sheriff
Dr. Kassy Alia Ray, Founder and CEO for Serve & Connect

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About Serve & Connect

Serve & Connect is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that aims to ignite positive change through police-community partnerships. Kassy Alia Ray founded the organization in memory of her late husband, Officer Gregory Alia, who was killed in the line of duty in 2015. Backed by evidence-based practices designed to fuel collaboration, Serve & Connect provides the tools, training, and technical assistance necessary for police departments, local organizations, leaders and residents to work together to improve community outcomes.