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## **Communities In Schools of Cape Fear Invites YOU to Experience Freedom School!**

WILMINGTON – You're invited to our first ever Freedom School Media Day!

Communities In Schools of Cape Fear has implemented the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School model for three years now, empowering young learners and ensuring they have a safe and equitable start.

Amid difficult headlines concerning COVID learning loss and a crisis in youth mental health, Freedom School is a literacy-based program that provides high-quality academic and character-building enrichment to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The program also creates student relationships with trusted adults, fills summer nutrition and health needs, celebrates diversity and impresses on the scholars that they have the power to make a difference in their neighborhood and their world.

The program provides transportation, breakfast, lunch, snacks and books to take home at no cost to families. Each day kicks off with a high-energy morning Harambee, complete with uplifting songs and chants before students move into classrooms for a specialized curriculum aimed to counteract summer learning loss.

Join us as we open our doors to our media friends and show off a program that makes an incredible impact on 100 high-need students in New Hanover County!

### **WHAT: Freedom School Media Open House**

Watch the scholars stomp, sing and dance with our staff in the morning Harambee, then sit down with our program director to hear about the impact of Freedom School.

### **WHEN: Wednesday, June 29 8:15 a.m.**

### **WHERE: International School at Gregory**

*(You may park near the school drop off circle at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and Ann Street. I will meet you outside at the large Freedom School Banner)*

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*Communities In Schools Cape Fear is an independent affiliate of a national organization that ensures every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside 23 schools across the region, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future.*