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## Mercedes-Benz Vans Charleston partners with local high schools to inspire future innovators.

Continued expansion of Mercedes-Benz Vans Charleston's CSR program, **Sprinting Forward, Giving Back** Partnership with the Community Resource Center and the Charleston County School District for guided tours and information regarding the diverse career paths available within the automotive manufacturing industry

**Charleston, SC** – Mercedes-Benz Vans Charleston in collaboration with the Community Resource Center, is proud to announce an exciting new initiative aimed at giving back to the local community by partnering with four Charleston County high schools- Burke High School, North Charleston High School, Stall High School, and Baptist Hill High School. This initiative will offer students a unique opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and engage with team members across various departments.

As part of our commitment to fostering education and community development, this initiative seeks to inspire the next generation of innovators and leaders. Students from participating high schools will experience firsthand the intricate processes involved in automotive manufacturing and learn about the diverse career paths available within the industry.

During the tours, students will have the chance to hear directly from Mercedes-Benz Vans team members, who will share insights about their roles and the skills required in today's manufacturing environment. This interaction aims to provide students with valuable knowledge about careers in engineering, production, logistics, and other vital areas of the automotive sector.

“Investing in our community's youth is essential for building a brighter future.

We believe that by exposing students to the opportunities within the manufacturing industry, we can inspire them to pursue careers that contribute to both their personal growth and the economy.”

Axel Bense, President & CEO of Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC.

The initiative aligns with Mercedes-Benz Vans' broader mission to support education and workforce development. By connecting students with real-world experiences and professional mentorship, we hope to empower them to envision a future in manufacturing and technology.

We look forward to welcoming the students from Charleston County high schools and helping to ignite their passion for innovation and teamwork. Together, we can build a strong foundation for the next generation of skilled professionals.

### **About MBV**

**Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC (“MBV”)** is a Ladson, South Carolina based production entity that produces Sprinter as well as eSprinter vans for the U.S. and Canadian markets.

Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC has invested more than 500 million U.S. Dollars in the new Sprinter plant, which officially opened in 2018. Today, the MBV facility provides more than 1,700 jobs and supports at least 600 additional jobs in the region through its suppliers. Representing an additional nearly \$60 million investment, MBV Charleston was selected to be the first plant in the Mercedes-Benz Vans global production network to produce the all-new eSprinter, beginning in 2024. Mercedes-Benz Vans Charleston also continues investing in the local community with over \$1,900,000 dollars donated to local non-profits & schools via STEM programs since 2006 and over 900 volunteer hours.

Since 2006, more than 350,000 Sprinter and Metris vans have been assembled in North Charleston and delivered to destinations across the U.S. In 2021, the plant celebrated its 15-year legacy of SKD production in South Carolina. 2023 marked a plant milestone with a record-setting over 50,000 vans produced. The U.S. is the second largest market for Sprinter vans after Germany.

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