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Dale Metzger
Principal at West Ashley CAS

Dale Metzger Named Principal of the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Dale Metzger as principal of the new West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies located on the West Ashley High School campus set to open in Fall 2021. Metzger has served as Garrett Academy of Technology's interim principal since 2018.

Metzger joined the Garrett Academy staff in 2014 as the assistant principal and worked with grades nine through 11. Prior to his time at Garrett, Metzger served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and associate principal at West Ashley High School from 2005-2014. As the principal of Garrett Academy, Metzger oversaw a dramatic increase in the number of students achieving College and Career Readiness and an increase in the South Carolina Department of Education's school report card from 49 – Below Average in 2018 to a score of 58 – Average in 2019.

Prior to entering the field of education, Metzger worked as a journeyman pipefitter at the former Charleston Naval Shipyard. This experience in the industrial field gives Metzger a unique perspective with regard to preparing students for the workforce in a skilled trade, along with preparing students for post-secondary educational opportunities.

Metzger is a native of Charleston and earned his undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston and his master's degree from The Citadel. He has enjoyed serving the North Charleston community in his roles at Garrett, including as "The Voice of Falcon Football," announcing the Garrett's home football games in the fall. Metzger is looking forward to creating partnerships with the principals of the schools that will be served by the new Center for Advanced Studies and creating dynamic educational opportunities for the students that they serve.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.