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# Media Release



**Tiffany Henderson**  
Principal at Charles Pinckney Elementary School

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## **Tiffany Henderson to serve as principal at Pinckney Elementary**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Tiffany Henderson as principal at Charles Pinckney Elementary School. Henderson has served as the assistant principal at Pinckney for the past eight years.

Henderson began her teaching career in 2001 at Bushy Creek Elementary School in Greenville, SC as a special education and fifth grade teacher. In 2002, Henderson joined CCSD as a fourth grade teacher at Pinckney Elementary. While teaching fourth grade, Henderson served as the curriculum implementation teacher and the Write Traits trainer for the school. She also spearheaded the planning of a camp for student writers for grades three through eight called Young Writers Camp and served as its director.

Three years later, Henderson left her teaching role at Pinckney to become a teacher coach serving three schools including Pinckney, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School, and Edmund A. Burns Elementary School. As a teacher coach, Henderson assisted in the implementation of Coherent Curriculum and conducted training in MAP data analysis, differentiation strategies, Write Traits, and science notebooks. She also coached and modeled effective classroom strategies.

In 2008, Henderson rejoined the staff of Pinckney Elementary as a school support coordinator, advising teachers on curriculum decisions, planning and implementing professional development, and supporting administration with

textbook inventory, truancy, report card data, and discipline. She returned to the classroom the following year as a fourth grade teacher before becoming a part of the school's administrative team as an assistant administrator in 2010 followed by assistant principal in 2013.

For the past eight years as assistant principal, Henderson has supported student success in a myriad of ways including creating the Shipmate Shake at Pinckney. The Shipmate Shake is a multi-tiered competition modeled from the Ron Clark Academy, designed to teach life skills by placing fifth grade students through case scenarios around the school and community on topics such as manners, discipline, respect, and professionalism. Members from the community including local dignitaries, school board members, business owners, and leaders judge students on their performance, helping determine who advances to the next level while exposing students to local leadership and business opportunities in their community to better prepare them for the future.

Henderson holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from The College of Charleston and a Master of Education in Administration from The Citadel. She has instructed graduate courses during the Winter and Summer Institutes in Writing at The Citadel and presented on the national level at the National Writing Project Annual Meeting and the state level at the SC Writing Project Annual Meeting. Henderson has also served as a Six Traits Writing Trainer and holds a Literacy Leader Read to Succeed Endorsement. From 2005 to 2008, she served as co-director of the Lowcountry Writing Project, teaching tri-county teachers best practices in reading and writing as an adjunct professor at The Citadel.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 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.