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Timothy Sullivan
Principal at Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary

Division of Strategy and Communications

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Ashley River Creative Arts to welcome new principal for 2022-2023 school year

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Timothy Sullivan as the principal at Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School (ARCAE). Current ARCAE Principal Michelle Conner will serve as the principal at Whitesides Elementary School starting in the 2022-2023 school year.

Sullivan joins CCSD from Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) in Virginia Beach, VA where he has served in a variety of roles over the past several decades. Sullivan began his career in education as a teacher and was quickly recognized for his outstanding efforts in the classroom receiving a nomination for Teacher of the Year three years in a row (1998-2001).

In 2001, Sullivan took on the role of athletic director for VBCPS for three years before making his entrance into instructional leadership as an assistant principal in 2004. As an assistant principal, Sullivan oversaw school operations including special education programming, testing, and discipline, and was nominated for Assistant Principal of the Year during the 2010-2011 school year.

For the last 11 years, Sullivan has served as a principal in VBCPS. He currently leads Bettie F. Williams Elementary School where he has led his 100% Title I school to full state accreditation each year during his tenure. He was also selected as the 2016 VBCPS Principal of the Year, as well as the 2015-2016 VBCPS Instructional Leader of the Year by the VBCPS Superintendent of Schools.

Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Westfield State College and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

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CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.