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Lara Latto

Interim Principal at Pepperhill Elementary School

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Lara Latto selected to lead Pepperhill Elementary

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Lara Latto as interim principal at Pepperhill Elementary School. Current Pepperhill Principal Dr. Jennifer Baez will serve as the district's Interim Director of Multilingual Outreach beginning October 10.

Over the last 32 years, Latto has served students and families in CCSD in a variety of roles. A dedicated leader with a track record of success, Latto has served in nearly every capacity ranging from teacher to district level administrator during her career in education.

Prior to joining school and district level administration, Latto first served as a teacher at the former Berry Elementary and a behavior interventionist at Midland Park Primary. She next served as an assistant principal at Midland Park before being selected to lead Murray-LaSaine Elementary [Montessori] as principal in 2005.

In 2010, Latto transitioned to principal at nearby Harbor View Elementary School on James Island where she remained for seven years before becoming principal at Chicora Elementary School in North Charleston.

Following her time at Chicora, Latto has served as a Principal on Special Assignment for the last three years. In this capacity, Latto has collaborated with parents, administrators, and counselors to develop improvement plans for students in need, as well as worked to establish open lines of

communication and build positive relationships between students and families and their school(s).

Latto earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Learning Disabilities from Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She also holds a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from The Citadel.

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

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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.