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## Media Release

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### **CCSD selects permanent leader of elementary schools**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce Dr. Jennifer Swearingen as Associate Superintendent of the Elementary Learning Community. Swearingen has served as Interim Associate Superintendent of the Elementary Learning Community since 2022. Prior to her time as an associate, Swearingen served as one of the district's directors of Elementary Learning. She has served in CCSD for the last 27 years.

Swearingen joined the district as a teacher at Ladson Elementary School in 1997. She served at Ladson for over seven years before joining CCSD administration as an assistant principal at Jennie Moore Elementary School.

Holding a steadfast commitment to best practice and a "students first" philosophy, she was quickly recognized for her leadership and dedication as an educator and was promoted to principal at Oakland Elementary School in West Ashley. Swearingen served as principal at Oakland for eight years before joining the central staff as a leader of the Elementary Learning Community.

With significant experience in elementary education and in CCSD, Swearingen's ability to foster a positive climate and culture for families and staff, coupled with her ability to recognize and cultivate talent will continue to help the Elementary Learning Community and its students grow and flourish under her leadership.

"As a fellow veteran educator in the district, I have had the privilege and honor of working with and alongside Dr. Swearingen in her various positions over the years," said Superintendent Anita Huggins. "Her work ethic is unparalleled and her commitment to doing what is best for children is evidenced in her leadership style and daily work. We are excited to permanently welcome her to this role and look forward to her continued leadership of our elementary schools."

Swearingen holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston and a master's degree in Elementary Education Administration from The Citadel. She also earned a Specialist in Educational Leadership degree from The Citadel and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration (CD-12) from the University of South Carolina. She was named Ladson Elementary School's 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year and a 2014 CCSD Star Principal.

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

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.