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Jason L. Drayton
Interim Principal at Baptist Hill Middle/High School

Jason Drayton to lead Baptist Hill Middle/High for 2023-2024 school year

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Jason Drayton as interim principal at Baptist Hill Middle/High School. Drayton joins Baptist Hill from Wando where he has served as an assistant principal for the last 11 years.

Drayton began his career as a high school Career Technology and Education (CTE) teacher at Wando in 2002. A natural leader, Drayton's role at the school continued to expand over the next ten years. Originally teaching Digital Input Technologies and Business Computer Applications, Drayton also began serving as a B-Team and varsity assistant football coach, varsity football academic coach, and the school's soccer and lacrosse game manager a short time after.

In 2010, he shifted into an assistant administrative position, supporting the implementation and supervision of the school's "Fast Pass" tardy procedures and the school's student concern specialists. The following year, he participated in an administrative internship before moving into an assistant principal position in 2012 full-time. Over the last decade, Drayton has been instrumental in developing programs and fostering initiatives to support the many students and families of Wando High School. In addition to creating the school's C.U.R.L.S. (Culturally Unmatched Resilient Legacy Students) program to develop African American leaders of tomorrow, Drayton also led Wando's Dreamweavers initiative designed to assist families in need. He organized the school's Golden Warrior Award, a school-wide positive reinforcement program, and assisted in organizing the school's first HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) fair.

“We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Jason to Baptist Hill Middle/High School,” said Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools. “I know undoubtedly with his leadership, passion, and drive that he will create outstanding opportunities for the students of Baptist Hill and continue building relationships and partnerships in support of students and families.”

Drayton earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Morris Brown College and a Master of Education in Secondary Educational Leadership from Charleston Southern University. Drayton holds South Carolina Secondary Principal, Professional Business Educational, and Supervisor credentials and is trained in both Flip Flippen’s Capturing Kids’ Hearts and Leadership Blueprint programs. He also participated in CCSD’s Principals for Tomorrow program and the State Department of Education’s Developing Aspiring Principals program. A motivated and student-driven leader, Drayton is excited to join the Baptist Hill community and serve its families, students, and community members.

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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.