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## Media Release



**Charles "Chas" Coker**  
Principal at Wando High School

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## **Moultrie Middle principal Chas Coker** **selected to lead Wando High beginning** **2023-24 school year**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Chas Coker as principal at Wando High School effective July 1, 2023. Coker has served as principal at Moultrie Middle School in Mt. Pleasant since March 2020. Current Associate Principal at West Ashley High School, Nick Reece, will serve as interim principal at Moultrie beginning in July.

Coker began his career in 2009 as a probability and statistics teacher at Wando while also serving as head coach of the junior varsity baseball team and as an offensive line coach for the ninth grade football team. A recognized and demonstrated leader both inside and outside the classroom, it was not long before Coker was promoted to an assistant principal in 2014.

As an assistant principal at Wando, Coker served as professional development coordinator and led the 21st Century Learning team in developing and designing curriculum and professional development for staff. He also served as the public relations and community outreach coordinator, graduation coordinator, and athletic liaison for the administrative team to Wando's Athletic Director. In addition to supporting the administration in the master school scheduling and budgeting process, Coker coordinated over 19,000 textbooks and chaired the Ed Elements and Re-Design teams charged with developing an instructional model for the school. At the state level, Coker was selected to participate in the Profile of a SC Graduate Competencies focus

group with the South Carolina State Department of Education and served as Wando's TransformSC application coordinator and liaison.

With a proven commitment to creating positive learning environments and equipping staff with the necessary resources and support to help better ensure all students are college and career ready, Coker was a natural selection for the principal position at Moultrie Middle in 2020. While at Moultrie, Coker has taken a focused approach to cultivating a strong school climate and culture centered around the provision of student supports. Over the last three years, he has led the creation of a new infraction system and discipline model to increase student support and decrease referrals, established morning flex periods to help meet student needs, created the weekly Moultrie Minute newsletter for parents, and fostered community relationships and parental input through engagement with advisory groups such as the PTO and school improvement council.

Under his leadership, Moultrie has continued to see academic gains receiving an Excellent report card rating for the 2021-2022 school year and the third highest score on SC PASS for public middle school. Moultrie also received recognition as a 2020-2021 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) school.

"Mr. Coker is a skilled leader with whom I have had the privilege of working during his earlier time at Wando," said Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of the High School Learning Community. "As they say at Wando, 'once a Warrior, always a Warrior,' and I know undoubtedly that Chas will do an outstanding job leading the staff and students at Wando to new heights by continuing to grow the rich legacy of the school through its impact in the East Cooper community."

Coker holds a Bachelor of Arts in Math Education from Clemson University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of 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 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

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.