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**Christopher Haynes**  
Principal at Jerry Zucker Middle School

### **Zucker Middle principal Chris Haynes to fill role permanently**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Christopher “Chris” Haynes as principal at Jerry Zucker Middle School. Haynes joined Zucker as interim principal in 2021 from Liberty Hill Academy where he served as principal for five years.

Haynes began his career in education in 2005 as a teacher at Wilson High School in Florence School District One. Over the next six years, Haynes taught high school social studies to students in grades 10-12. During that time, he also led the social studies department as department chair and made major gains in passage rates on the U.S. History End-of-Course exam.

In 2011, Haynes took a position as assistant principal at Southside Middle School (SSMS) in Florence One. As assistant principal, he led several initiatives including professional learning communities (PLCs) to improve behavior management in classrooms, a Watch D.O.G.S program to bring positive male role models into the school, and he evaluated teachers and staff to achieve academic gains. He also coordinated the summer Falcon Camp to acclimate incoming middle school scholars to middle school life. During that time, Haynes also brought in a new classroom observation application to the district and supervised it districtwide.

After two years as assistant principal at SSMS, Haynes moved to South Florence High School (SFHS). At SFHS, Haynes once again improved U.S.

History End-of-Course testing passage rates, as well as developed and implemented a plan to track students who left the school, leading to historically high graduation rates.

In 2016, Haynes became the principal of Liberty Hill Academy (LHA), an alternative program in CCSD. As principal, he led the school to develop a new vision and implemented a positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) plan to allow students to successfully restore to their homeschool. During his time at LHA, he worked closely with staff to increase student growth and success on both MAP and SCPASS/SCREADY testing and used data from Adaptive Digital Learning programs to focus instruction and increase student success.

“Mr. Haynes has been a wonderful addition to Zucker Middle School,” said Dr. Joe Williams, Associate Superintendent of Middle School Learning. “His support for our scholars, their families, and his staff has been exceptional. We look forward to continuing to support the great work happening at Zucker Middle through his leadership in the years and months to come.”

Haynes earned a Bachelor of Science in History and Education from Francis Marion University and a Master of Educational Leadership from Winthrop University. He is excited to continue serving the students, families, and staff at Jerry Zucker Middle in this role.

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

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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 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.