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## Media Release



Quenetta White

Interim Executive Director of Elementary Learning Community

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## **CCSD names new leader in its Elementary Learning Community**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce Quenetta White as Interim Executive Director of Elementary Learning effective April 10, 2023. White has served as Interim Director of Special Projects in the district's Learning Services Division for the past year. Current Executive Director of Elementary Learning, Jeff Beckwith, has been selected as the new superintendent of Dorchester School District Four.

White first served in the field of education as a classroom teacher at Claude Pepper Elementary School in Miami, FL starting in 1992. She spent seven years in Florida before returning to South Carolina briefly to teach pre-Algebra at St. Georgia Middle School. In 2001, White returned to Miami as a mathematics facilitator at Irving & Beatrice Peskoe Elementary School, followed by a two-year post as a lower quartile mathematics teacher at Henry S. West Laboratory School.

Returning to South Carolina indefinitely, White joined CCSD as Assistant Principal at Sanders-Clyde Elementary School in 2009. In this role, White created the school's master schedule for all grade levels; supported the implementation of the school's vision, mission, and goals; participated on several Induction teams and SAFE-T teams; completed Competency-Building Plans; facilitated Goals Based Evaluation (GBE) meetings; and assisted the principal with all aspects of school operation and instruction. She also served as interim principal for several months in 2011.

In 2012, White was named principal at James Simons Elementary (now Montessori). During her time at James Simons, White facilitated the

implementation of a full Montessori program for students age three to eighth grade, planned and opened a new state-of-the-art school facility, and worked to ensure that the needs of her students and families were met through planning and programs with valuable partners such as Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN), Trident United Way, and Parent Advocates. In 2017, White was named principal at A.C. Corcoran Elementary School where she served for four years before becoming Principal of Special Projects and Support for the Elementary Learning Community.

"We are excited to welcome Quenetta to this role," said Interim Associate Superintendent of Elementary Learning Jennifer Swearingen. "She has been a tremendous asset to the Elementary Learning Community and the district over the past decade and we know she will bring strong leadership and support with her for our schools."

White holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Barry University, a Master of Science in Mathematics Education from Florida State University, and an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. The recipient of several awards and accomplishments, White was named the 2013 CCSD Rookie Principal of the Year and received the 2019 Channel 2 Cool School Award. She also completed her Montessori Administrator certification and the South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute program. White is a member of the National Education Association, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

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.