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## Media Release



**Toya Hampton**  
Director of Achieve Charleston

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## **CCSD Welcomes Former Trustee to Lead Achieve Charleston**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce and welcome Toya Hampton as the Director of Achieve Charleston, a CCSD initiative designed to create guaranteed post-secondary opportunities for high school seniors by leveraging local partnerships and resources. These efforts are aimed at providing all students with world-class college, technical college, and career opportunities in the community and beyond.

Hampton came to Charleston from Seattle in 1995 by way of Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (Americorps NCCC). Americorps NCCC, a domestic service program for 18–24-year-olds similar to the Peace Corps, hired her as a team leader after college and before she attended law school. Attributed largely to her own post-grad experience in Americorps, Hampton feels strongly that every student deserves a similar opportunity to work or to go to college if they so choose after graduating high school.

“The Charleston community can provide great opportunities for all students to access this with the partnership and support of CCSD’s Achieve Charleston initiative,” Hampton contends. In addition to her time spent in Americorps, Hampton has been part of the Liberty Fellowship, a statewide leadership and service network, since 2006.

However, it’s Hampton’s service on the Charleston County School Board as a Trustee from 2006 to 2012 that has garnered her significant attention. During her six years on the board, Hampton dedicated her efforts to improving the

public school system and lent her support for the construction of numerous new school buildings.

An accomplished lawyer, Hampton has practiced in the state of South Carolina for 22 years. In addition to serving on several local and state boards such as the City of Charleston Board of Architectural Review, South Carolina Women Lawyers Board of Directors, Synovus Bank Board of Directors, Wings for Kids Board of Directors, and the College of Charleston Women's and Gender Studies Community Advisory Board. She has also spent some of her professional time at the South Carolina School Boards Association as the Director of Policy and Legal Services.

"We are extremely excited and grateful to have Ms. Hampton's skills and expertise back in service to the students and families of Charleston County School District," said Deputy Superintendent of Schools Anita Huggins. "We know from her commitment and dedication to improving student outcomes as a valued Trustee that she will help create and strengthen important partnerships within the community to better ensure post preK-12 for all of our children."

Hampton holds a degree in Communications from the University of Washington and a *Juris Doctorate* from the University of Miami School of Law. She is a member of several associations including the South Carolina Bar Association and the Charleston County Bar Association.

In her new role as Director of Achieve Charleston, Hampton hopes to bring her business sense to the table for the benefit of the students as she develops more partners with the district.

For more information, please 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.