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# Joint Media Release

## **Mayor Summey and Superintendent Kennedy collaborate around common goals for students**

Office of Communications

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*Leaders commit to shared partnership*

**Donald R. Kennedy, Sr.**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Anita Huggins**  
Deputy Superintendent

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Interim Executive Director of  
Communications

**North Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Don Kennedy and North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey held a productive meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to discuss their shared goal of positive educational outcomes for all children, particularly those in North Charleston. They discussed the needs of North Charleston's schools and committed to enhancing the partnership between their organizations to ensure all students have the necessary resources and skills to achieve their dreams. They agreed that continued work towards equitable opportunities and facilities is the only path forward.

Following the meeting, Summey said "Cultivating a community that prioritizes quality education is paramount. Our shared goal is to ensure that every child in North Charleston has access to a high-quality education, regardless of where they grow up. Through continued collaboration and a commitment to equitable opportunities and resources, we can create a brighter future for all students."

Kennedy agreed, saying that the "continued collaboration between the two entities will ensure that all students have the ability to make their dreams come true. I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Mayor Summey on how we best improve student outcomes and keep families focused on their children's growth and achievement."

For more information about CCSD's literacy efforts, *Vision 2027*, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303. For more information about North Charleston visit [www.northcharleston.org](http://www.northcharleston.org).

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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.