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Jacquelyn Carlen
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Jacquelyn Carlen becomes CCSD's Interim Chief Financial Officer

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Jacquelyn Carlen as the Interim Chief Financial Officer. Carlen has served as CCSD's Executive Director of Finance since 2017.

Carlen has been responsible for helping produce balanced budgets that led to increases in teacher pay, growth of the district's fund balance, and a decrease in the district's debt. During her time as CCSD's Executive Director of Finance, the district earned a AAA rating by Moody's Investors Service and positive reviews from annual financial audits by Greene Finney Cauley, LLP.

"Having worked alongside Ms. Carlen, I am excited to have her step into the role," said CCSD Superintendent of Schools Don Kennedy. "Her breadth of experience and knowledge of CCSD make her a clear choice to lead this critical division."

Carlen worked in the private sector for more than a decade before joining CCSD in 2005 as a staff accountant. She was promoted several times in the district's Finance Division and earned recognition for her work and leadership. In 2011, she joined Berkeley County School District as a financial analyst, and quickly emerged as a leader there, eventually becoming the Interim Chief Financial Officer in 2017.

Carlen, a graduate of R.B. Stall High School, received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Charleston Southern University.

Carlen is a current member of the Southeastern Association of School Business Officials and the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials (SCASBO). She is also a SCASBO-certified school business official.

For additional 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.