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Military veteran selected to lead CCSD Facilities Department

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Steve Hamer as Associate of Facilities Management. Hamer joined the district in 2021 as the Emergency Programs Manager. In this role, Hamer oversaw the district's \$163 million Federal COVID-19 relief funds also known as ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief).

As a seasoned and experienced leader, Hamer boasts an extensive career of military service in the Navy in various leadership roles including three tours in command. Throughout his career, Hamer has led multi-discipline planning, engineering, and facilities acquisition organizations responsible for delivering construction, environmental and facilities services for Naval bases in southeastern U.S. He has restructured six large military headquarters organizations increasing efficiencies and effectiveness and created and led new overseas staff headquarters responsible for military construction, facilities maintenance and logistics operations in Asia and locations throughout the western Pacific.

In the environmental field, Hamer has directed the delivery and quality of \$700 million per year of infrastructure and environmental projects and \$1.9 billion in facilities services, as well as overseen all operations at 17 military installation/campus public works departments. Furthermore, he orchestrated public outreach and swift remediation of large-scale soil contamination at a child development center and instituted comprehensive testing for lead in water at child development centers throughout seven states. Hamer also

oversaw the Navy's programs to meet federal government's Renewable Energy Goals.

As Commanding Officer at NAVFAC (Naval Facilities Engineering Command) Bethesda in 2010, Hamer led a 200-person engineering and acquisition team in the construction of the Walter Reed National Medical Center. Additionally, he led all financial, contractual, project management, facilities maintenance, community outreach, and safe of the Department of Defense's largest medical construction project. Following his time at NAVFAC Bethesda, Hamer served as Director of Operations at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command in Virginia Beach, VA before being appointed at the Commanding Officer at NAVFAC SE in Jacksonville, FL. While in Jacksonville, Hamer led a 1700-person team delivering services to 19 military bases in the southeast and the Caribbean.

Hamer's next assignment came two years later in 2016 as Chief of Staff back at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. In this capacity, Hamer directed 300-person headquarters staff responsible for manning, training, and equipping 20,000-person Navy expeditionary forces for worldwide execution of construction, logistics support, maritime security, and disaster recovery before retiring the following year.

"We are extremely fortunate to have an engineer with as much leadership, management and facilities experience as Steve taking the helm of our facilities programs. I am more than confident that he is up to the challenge," said Chief Operating Officer Jeff Borowy. "Even more so than Steve's experience in managing multi-billion dollar operations is his demonstrated ability to provide a high level of customer service which our schools most certainly deserve and have come to expect," continued Borowy.

Prior to joining the district, Hamer managed the non-profit, Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, as its Executive Director. The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association provides need-based college scholarships to children of Naval service members. During his career, Hamer has also served as Commanding Officer at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR, Resident Officer in Charge of Contracts at the Washington Navy Yard, and BRAC Coordinator at NAVFAC in Charleston.

"Mr. Hamer's expertise, leadership, and organizational management skills are extraordinary and an excellent addition to the CCSD's Operations Division," said Superintendent Don Kennedy. "We are lucky to have him leading our facilities and maintenance teams and know he will provide top-notch service to our schools and students."

Hamer earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Clemson University and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland. He also completed the Executive Program at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.