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Anna Mims
Principal at Angel Oak Primary School

Anna Mims to lead Angel Oak Primary School in 2024

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Anna Mims as principal at the new Angel Oak Primary School on Johns Island set to open in 2024. Mims has served as the principal at nearby Mt. Zion Elementary since 2020. Upon completion of the new elementary school designed to serve students in grades 2-5 on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands (Constituent District 9), the current Angel Oak Elementary School will transition to a primary school serving students from Head Start to first grade.

Current Angel Oak Elementary School Principal Judy Condon will lead the new District 9 elementary school. The two principals will be working very closely with each other and district staff to ensure a smooth transition and an alignment of programming for both schools so when the transition occurs in the summer of 2024 it will be best for students and the greater Johns Island and Wadmalaw communities.

Mims entered the field of education in 2004 as a teacher with Teach for America at Quitman County Elementary in Lambert, Mississippi. At Quitman, Mims led classes of first grade Title I students to two grade levels of growth and achievement across core academic subjects. She also co-lead a first grade remediation program and facilitated monthly professional development for first and second grade teachers from schools in the Delta Region on grade level content and reading interventions.

Mims continued serving students in Quitman as an intervention specialist with Barksdale Reading Institute for two years before returning to the classroom as a teacher with Yangon International School in 2007. At Yangon, Mims taught first and second grade English Language Learners while also leading the school's language arts vertical alignment process and serving as the school's accreditation coordinator.

In 2010, Mims entered education administration as a principal intern at Phineas Bates Elementary in Roslindale, Massachusetts. The following year, she moved overseas taking the role of a policy specialist for the Abu Dhabi Education Council in the United Arab Emirates. In this position, Mims oversaw policy development for 265 Abu Dhabi public schools, as well as stakeholder engagement, research and analysis, and implementation oversight with principals and management. During her time abroad, Mims also served as a founding assistant principal and principal for Vision International School in Al Wakrah, Qatar for three years where she oversaw the school's early childhood division (3K- first grade) comprised of students and staff from over 25 countries before returning stateside in 2018.

Mims understands the importance of a strong arts education having experienced considerable exposure to the arts personally throughout her K-12 and post-secondary journey. From an early age, Mims took dance lessons, sang in her local choir, was selected for the SC All-State chorus, and was ultimately selected to join the prestigious *Lady Blue* a capella group at Duke University during her undergraduate studies. Having worked in partnership with local organizations such as Engaging Creative Minds, the Chamber Orchestra, the College of Charleston Opera, Charleston Stage Company, and more while at Mt. Zion, Mims is committed to growing and strengthening the opportunities for exposure to the arts present at Angel Oak for all her students.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to continue serving the Johns Island community as Angel Oak transitions to a primary school and welcomes the youngest learners from Mt. Zion," said Mims. "Ms. Condon and I will be working collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition to the new feeder pattern, engage all of our stakeholders, and ensure a strong foundation with high expectations for all of our learners."

Mims earned her Bachelor of Arts at Duke University and Master of Education in School Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, MA. She is also certified as a South Carolina elementary principal and a Massachusetts PreK-6 principal.

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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.