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## Media Release



**Judith Condon**

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### **Judy Condon to lead new District 9 elementary school in 2024**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Judy Condon as principal at the new District 9 Elementary School on Johns Island set to open in 2024. Condon has served as the principal at Angel Oak Elementary School since 2017. 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 Mt. Zion Elementary School Principal Anna Mims will lead Angel Oak Primary School. Both 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.

Condon has served as a teacher for 11 years, district-level supervisor for five years, and is now in her sixth year as building-level principal. She began her teaching career as an art specialist at Hightower Trail Middle School in Cobb County in 2001. For 11 years, Condon taught sixth through eighth-grade visual art and literacy.

In 2012, Condon stepped into the role of Learning Design and Visual Arts Supervisor in her county. In this position, she was responsible for overseeing

content acquisition and instructional delivery of programs to 112 schools while working collaboratively across content areas to support school strategic planning. Specifically, Condon focused on developing turnaround programs and innovative student opportunities with schools focused on student engagement, higher-order thinking, problem-solving skills, project-based learning, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and arts integration.

Since joining CCSD in 2017 as principal at Angel Oak, the school has seen notable gains in student achievement as well as recognition for increasing attendance, increasing family engagement and supporting students' social and emotional well-being through positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS). Most recently, Angel Oak Elementary was recognized as a 2022-23 ArtsNow Leadership School for its consistent provision of high-level school-wide arts integration by its staff and administration.

"I am excited to continue serving the Johns Island community as we prepare for the opening of a new school," said Condon. "Ms. Mims and I will be working with all of our stakeholders to foster collaboration between schools, ensure vertical alignment in school programming and establish high expectations for student learning and achievement."

Condon has received many awards and accolades throughout the years, including being named the 2006-07 Teacher of Year for Hightower Trail Middle School in Marietta, GA; the 2011-12 Middle School Art Specialist of the Year for Cobb County School System; and the 2013-14 Georgia Art Education Association Supervisory/Administration Educator of the Year. She was also named the Auburn University 2020-21 Hero of COVID-19 Award Winner and the 2021-22 Arts Administrator of the Year Award by Palmetto State Arts Education.

Condon holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education from Valdosta State University, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Kennesaw State University.

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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.

