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Media Release

Sims selected to serve on NAEYC Council

Laurel Hill Primary School

Donald R. Kennedy, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Jennifer M. Swearingen
Interim Associate Superintendent
for Elementary Learning

Ashley Dorsey
Principal

Mount Pleasant, SC - Jason Sims, Assistant Principal of Laurel Hill Primary School, was selected to serve on the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Council for Early Learning Program Accreditation. The council is comprised of nine members. Sims will start a three-year term this month.

NAEYC is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. In 2003, NAEYC's Governing Board established the Council for NAEYC Accreditation as an independent body to ensure the equity, integrity, and accountability of NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Program.

"NAEYC is an organization that is committed to ensuring that all young learners have the opportunity for high quality, developmentally appropriate instruction," said Sims. "I look forward to my work with the council and for the advancement of early childhood programs across the country."

Laurel Hill is accredited by NAEYC.

Principal Ashley Dorsey described Sims as a dedicated educator committed to ensuring that the youngest of learners have the tools and skills necessary to create a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

"He understands the importance of developing the whole child and creating opportunities that allow students to grow socially, emotionally, and academically," said Dorsey. "We are so proud that he has been selected for this opportunity to serve NAEYC and know that he will represent the needs of our children in Charleston County in his work."

For more information, contact Ashley Dorsey at (843) 849-2200.

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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.