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## Media Release



**Jennifer Swearingen, Ph.D.**  
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### **Jennifer Swearingen promoted to lead all elementary schools**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Dr. Jennifer Swearingen as Interim Associate Superintendent of Elementary Learning. Swearingen currently serves as one of the district's directors of Elementary Learning. She has served in CCSD for the past 25 years.

Swearingen joined CCSD as a teacher at Ladson Elementary School in 1997. She served at Ladson for over seven years before joining CCSD administration as an assistant principal at Jennie Moore Elementary School.

With a commitment to best practice and a "student's first" philosophy, she was quickly recognized for her leadership and dedication as an educator and was promoted to principal at Oakland Elementary School in West Ashley. Swearingen served as principal at Oakland for eight years before joining central staff as a leader of the elementary learning community.

Swearingen brings a wealth of experience with her including working with diverse groups of stakeholders on critical issues, building strong collaborative leadership teams, and developing and implementing comprehensive short-term and long-term strategic plans.

"With over 25 years of service to students in CCSD, Dr. Swearingen has demonstrated not only excellence in instruction and leadership, but also in her ability to improve instructional programs, learning opportunities, and student

achievement levels for all students in the schools she has served,” said Superintendent Don Kennedy. “She will be a great addition to our leadership team and I look forward to working with her more in this capacity.”

Swearingen holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston and a master’s degree in Elementary Education Administration from The Citadel. She also earned a Specialist in Educational Leadership degree from The Citadel and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration (CD-12) from the University of South Carolina. She was named Ladson Elementary School’s 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year and a 2014 CCSD Star Principal.

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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 49,000 students in 88 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.