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## Media Release

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**Anita Huggins**  
Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools

### **Veteran CCSD leader Anita Huggins** **appointed Interim Deputy** **Superintendent of Schools**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that Anita Huggins, the current Interim Chief Transformation Officer, will serve as Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools during the 2022-23 school year. A former English teacher, master teacher, principal, director, and executive director, Huggins is an accomplished educator with 24 years of experience in education; 22 of those years have been in CCSD.

Huggins has served in various CCSD schools and communities during her tenure, including Simmons-Pinckney Middle School, Burke High School, Edmund A. Burns Elementary School, and Fort Johnson Middle School. For over 12 years, she trained hundreds of teachers and administrators from all of CCSD's schools on how to effectively plan for instruction, deliver instruction, and develop conducive environments for learners as the Executive Director of Educator Effectiveness. In that role, Huggins was instrumental in developing district-wide systems for teacher development, support, and recognition.

An integral part of Huggins role will be to help design, execute, and measure the success of programs that support Superintendent Kennedy's Vision 2027 initiative that focuses on having all students reading at grade level by fifth grade, by the Spring of 2027.

As the Interim Chief Transformation Officer, Huggins has been responsible for working with the Superintendent, senior leaders, and other stakeholders to establish the district's vision and to develop strategies to meet the needs of all students. Ensuring that effective systems are in place, along with the accountability and support structures to serve schools, students, and communities, has been another key role.

Over the course of her career, Huggins has presented at numerous conferences, served as guest lecturer, facilitated and served on various panels, as well as co-authored journal articles to help grow and support aspiring, novice, and veteran educators. According to Superintendent Kennedy, "Ms. Huggins' breadth of experience in Charleston and diverse skill set uniquely position her for this pivotal role. A respected educator with a heart for kids, her enthusiasm and passion for making sure all students achieve at very high levels, regardless of their zip code, will serve students and schools well."

Huggins holds bachelor's degrees in both English and Secondary Education along with a master's degree in Secondary Administration.

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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.