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Michael DeJong
Interim Principal at Baptist Hill Middle High School

CCSD to welcome Michael DeJong as interim principal at Baptist Hill

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Michael DeJong as interim principal at Baptist Hill Middle High School. DeJong has served as an assistant principal at Baptist Hill since 2017.

DeJong began his career in education in 2009 at Daniel Jenkins Academy as a physical science, biology, and chemistry teacher. A year later, he took his talents to Gordon H. Garrett Academy of Technology where he taught chemistry and environmental science for several years while also serving as a CCSD mentor and homebound instructor.

In addition to teaching science, DeJong served as Garrett's Athletic Director from 2013 to 2017. He also took a position as an adjunct professor in hospitality management at Trident Technical College's Culinary Institute of Charleston, a nod to his career before joining the field of education as a food and beverage company owner and manager across the Southeast and Midwest in the 1990s.

While at Baptist Hill, DeJong has been a proven leader, demonstrating leadership in all aspects of overall day to day operations over the past five years. He has been responsible for all student testing and staff training for state and federal assessments, developing the master schedule and class choice registration system for students, conducting formal and informal observations of teacher performance, as well as supporting Positive Behavior

Intervention and Support (PBIS) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) programs.

DeJong holds a Bachelor of Science in Science and a minor in Business Administration from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. He also earned a Master of Education in Education and Administration Leadership from American College of Education.

For more information, contact the Division of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.