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CCSD Chief Financial and Administrative Officer to serve as interim Superintendent

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) announces and welcomes Donald R. Kennedy, Sr. as its interim Superintendent of Schools effective January 3, 2022. Kennedy has served as the district's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer on two separate occasions, first from July 2004 to September 2007, and second from January 2018 to December 2021.

Throughout his career in public service, Kennedy has supported urban education throughout the country as the chief financial officer (CFO) for Baltimore City Public Schools, CFO for Boston Public Schools, Chief Operations Officer (COO) for Bridgeport Public Schools in Connecticut, and Chief Financial and Operations Officer for Seattle Public Schools. He also serves as a volunteer peer review consultant for the Council of the Great City Schools.

Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Newberry College and a Master of Arts in Organizational Systems Renewal from Seattle University. He is also a certified public accountant. Prior to public service, he held corporate financial positions with Boeing and Science Applications International Corporation, and served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force.

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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.