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Anne-Marie Murphy
Principal at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary

Anne-Marie Murphy joins NCCAE as principal for 2021-2022 school year

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Anne-Marie Murphy as principal at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary. Murphy joins CCSD from Central Middle School in Honolulu, Hawaii where she has served as principal since 2015.

Murphy began her career as a secondary science teacher at Wheeler Intermediate School in Wahiawa, Hawaii in 1996. In 2004, she joined the staff at Central Middle School in Honolulu where she taught science for two years before becoming the school's curriculum coordinator.

From 2006 to 2010 as the school's curriculum coordinator, Murphy worked in conjunction with the administration and restructuring provider to support gains in student achievement. She also worked with individual teachers, departments, and the faculty as a whole to improve classroom curriculum, instruction, and assessment. She facilitated school improvement process for accreditation through Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and planned and executed parent and community activities to foster stakeholder engagement.

After four years serving as a curriculum coordinator, Murphy joined school administration as the vice principal at Ali'iolani Elementary School in Honolulu. Over the next several years, Murphy served as a vice principal at several Honolulu schools including Manoa Elementary and McKinley High School.

In 2015, Murphy became the principal of Central Middle School where she taught early on in her career. As principal for the last six years, Murphy has led a comprehensive school academic and financial strategic plan to improve student achievement and established and maintained school vision and a positive climate for all stakeholders. She also routinely monitored progress of identified students requiring support and acceleration through action-oriented intervention blocks to ensure success for all students.

Murphy earned a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Biology from the University of California in Berkeley. She holds a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Holy Names University in Oakland, California and a Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. She was also a participant in the Honolulu cohort of Stanford University's D-School School Retool Fellowship and is a member of several professional organizations including the Association for Middle Level Education, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Administrators, Hawaii Public Radio, and the Junior League of Honolulu. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Hawaii State Department of Education's Superintendent's Special Education Review Task Force and Honolulu District English Learner Leadership Team.

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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 50,000 students in 87 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.