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## Media Release

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### **Northwoods Middle Principal to serve in new role**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Dr. Colleen Knauer, current principal at Northwoods Middle, as the new Principal of Special Projects and Support for CCSD's Secondary Learning Community. Knauer has served as principal at Northwoods since 2017. In this new role, Knauer will largely focus on the major initiatives of the learning communities as well as provide direct support to the Associate Superintendents of schools.

Knauer came to CCSD in 2006 as an English teacher at North Charleston High School (NCHS). Prior to her serving as Acting Principal at NCHS from August 2016 until March 2017, Knauer served as Assistant Principal at North Charleston where she directed the Ninth Grade Academy, created and implemented the State Challenge to Achieve Plan and budget, provided instructional support for teacher curriculum teams, implemented afterschool, supper, and summer programs, oversaw AdvancED visits, and assisted in hiring and mentoring new teachers and administrators.

Throughout her career as an educator, Knauer has received several certification endorsements including Read 2 Succeed and Gifted and Talented, as well as been nominated for the 2016 South Carolina Assistant Principal of the Year.

Knauer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English from the University of Rhode Island, a Master of Arts in Mathematics Education from The Citadel, an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Northeastern University, and a Principal Licensure from the University of Scranton in PK-12 Administration. She also served as an adjunct professor at Trident Technical College for mathematics.

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), 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.