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**Maite Porter**  
**Principal of West Ashley Middle School**

## **Maite Porter named principal of West Ashley Advanced Studies Magnet**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Maite Porter as principal of West Ashley Advanced Studies Magnet (WA-ASM). Porter comes to the district from Volusia County Schools where she has served as the principal of Louise S. McInnis Elementary since 2016.

Prior to her current position as principal at McInnis, Porter served as a principal intern at Silver Sands Middle School for three years, assistant principal at Heritage Middle for five years, and dean of students of Pine Ridge High for two years. Throughout her roles, Porter has managed and led schools of 500+ students and 50 faculty and staff; successfully reduced out-of-school and in-school suspensions by thirty percent using restorative practices, discipline with dignity, and peer mediation; developed intervention initiatives to reduce referrals by ten percent; designed and facilitated professional development using Kagan Strategies for faculty; initiated and implemented school-wide house systems based on the Ron Clark Academy Model; developed data-driven school goals for School Improvement Plans and more.

"Maite will be a wonderful addition to our middle school learning community," said CCSD Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait. "Her scope of experience serving students and families across all grade levels will be an asset to providing targeted support and instruction to students in D10 as they transition from elementary to high school at WA-ASM."

Before taking on administrative roles, Porter was an English teacher at Pine Ridge high and a third through fifth grade special education teacher at Bonner Elementary.

Porter holds a Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida.

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**About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 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.