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Quenetta White
Executive Director of the Elementary Learning Community

Quenetta White selected to help lead CCSD elementary schools

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce Quenetta White as an Executive Director of the Elementary Learning Community. White has served as an interim Executive Director of the Elementary Learning Community since 2023.

White first served in the field of education as a classroom teacher at Claude Pepper Elementary School in Miami, FL, starting in 1992. She spent seven years in Florida before returning to South Carolina briefly to teach pre-Algebra at St. Georgia Middle School. In 2001, White returned to Miami as a mathematics facilitator at Irving & Beatrice Peskoe Elementary School, followed by a two-year post as a lower quartile mathematics teacher at Henry S. West Laboratory School.

Returning to South Carolina indefinitely, White joined CCSD as an assistant principal at Sanders-Clyde Elementary School in 2009. In this role, White created the school's master schedule for all grade levels; supported the implementation of the school's vision, mission, and goals; participated on several Induction teams and SAFE-T teams; completed Competency-Building Plans; facilitated Goals Based Evaluation (GBE) meetings; and assisted the principal with all aspects of school operation and instruction. She also served as interim principal for several months in 2011.

In 2012, White was named principal at James Simons Elementary (now Montessori). During her time at James Simons, White facilitated the implementation of a full Montessori program for students age three to eighth grade, planned and opened a new state-of-the-art school facility, and worked to ensure that the needs of her students and families were met through planning and programs with valuable partners such as Charleston Promise Neighborhood (CPN), Trident United Way, and Parent Advocates. In 2017, White was named principal at A.C. Corcoran Elementary School where she served for four years before becoming Principal of Special Projects and Support for the Elementary Learning Community in 2022.

"Mrs. White has served in this position since April of 2023 and stepped into the role with a passion for students and supporting school leaders," said Dr. Jennifer Swearingen, Associate Superintendent of the Elementary Learning Community. "She is a valuable part of our team and supervises our Transformation schools and our Montessori schools. She has worked tirelessly to provide support to the schools she serves, focusing on areas of instructional leadership and school climate, and is a true student, employee, and parent advocate. I am excited about her continued service within our learning community."

White holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Barry University, a Master of Science in Mathematics Education from Florida State University, and an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. The recipient of several awards and accomplishments, White was named the 2013 CCSD Rookie Principal of the Year and received the 2019 Channel 2 Cool School Award. She also completed her Montessori Administrator certification and the South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute program. White is a member of the National Education Association, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

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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 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 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.