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CCSD welcomes new Procurement Services leader

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce and welcome Ramona Brown as Director of Procurement Services. Brown joins the district from St. Johns Fire District where she has served as Controller for the last nine years.

Brown began her career in finance in 2007 as an accounting manager with the Town of Mt. Pleasant. While at the Town, Brown reviewed and approved all financial transactions for a \$52 million+ budget to ensure GAAP compliance while also tracking and analyzing major revenue sources and preparing monthly financial statements for town council, executive staff, and department heads.

In 2011, Brown took her talents to Maryland where she joined the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) system as a grant account before transitioning to work for the Maryland State Department of Education as a fiscal grants and managerial accounting manager in 2012. In her position with the state, Brown managed the budget, allocation, and disbursement of Race to the Top funds for education reform initiatives, as well as reviewed and approved payment authorizations for Local Education Agency reimbursements.

Exceptionally skilled in accounting, Brown lent her talents to the PGCPS as an internal auditor and financial analyst before taking an accountant position with the Department of State's MIL Corporation. As a part of MIL, Brown prepared and submitted reports to inform the status of Budgetary Resources

to the U.S Treasury, as well as input data into the FACTS II Treasury Reporting System.

A few years later, Brown returned to the Lowcountry and began service as Controller for St. Johns Fire District. As Controller, Brown oversaw, constructed, and implemented an annual budget of twelve million dollars, as well as supervised payroll, human resources, accounts payable, and procurement. She also tracked the District's insurance claims. She has been instrumental in managing and overseeing the District's day-to-day financial operations and bond-related activity and construction projects.

"Ms. Brown brings an extensive skill set to our Finance Division with her diverse experience in public sector financial management at both the state and local levels," said CCSD Chief Financial Officer Daniel Prentice. "We are excited to see her leadership in action with our Procurement Services Department and look forward to welcoming her to the district."

Brown received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of Charleston. She also earned a Master of Arts in Human Resource Development from Webster University. Brown has served as a member of the St. John's Fire District Executive Leadership Committee and is a 2023 graduate of the GFOA Leadership Academy. She is also a certified Government Finance Officer.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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.