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CCSD Stands Out at Recent PSTA Event

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) educators made their presence felt at the Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA) Annual Business Meeting and EdCamp event at the beginning of the month at Charleston Southern University. Two teachers were elected to the PSTA Board of Directors, and another received a scholarship.

E.C. Setser, a Gifted and Talented Teacher at Charles Pinckney Elementary School, will serve as the District One Director and North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School second grade teacher Shaketa Walker-Luersen was voted in as the Secretary for the Board.

PSTA's Board of Directors is made up of six District Directors and five officers who govern the association. Each board member is a South Carolina public school educator who volunteers his or her time to participate on the Board.

In addition, Lucy Beckham High School math teacher Elizabeth Thielen was selected as one of five winners of the 2025 Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Professional Development Scholarship. The scholarship (worth \$2,000) is sponsored by PSTA's Foundation for Professional Development and is awarded annually to encourage and support members in pursuing advanced degrees. Applicants must be a PSTA member for at least three years and enrolled in a higher education program to apply for the scholarship. Thielen is currently pursuing an Education Specialist degree in School Leadership from Furman University.

"We are honored to have so many talented educators who lead with passion and excellence, and serve children effectively," said CCSD Superintendent of Schools Anita Huggins. "We know Ms. Setser and Ms. Walker-Luersen will represent all of our state's teachers well in their roles with PTSA, and we are excited and thankful for the opportunity Ms. Thielen is receiving to advance her career in the field of education."

PSTA is the largest professional education association for teachers in South Carolina and provides professional benefits to support its members throughout their careers in education. More information can be found at www.palmettoteachers.org.

For additional information about the CCSD staff mentioned in the release, please contact the district's 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.