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Rebecca Accolla
Principal of Carolina Park Elementary School

Rebecca Accolla Appointed Principal of Carolina Park Elementary School

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce that Rebecca Accolla, an educational leader with over 20 years of experience, has been appointed the new principal of Carolina Park Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, effective July 1, 2025.

Accolla currently serves as Assistant Principal at Charles Pinckney Elementary School, where she has been a key member of the leadership team since 2021. Known for her strong instructional leadership and relationship-building skills, Accolla has helped lead Charles Pinckney to continued academic excellence and community engagement. Her work includes mentoring teachers, analyzing school-wide data to drive instructional improvements, overseeing state testing, coordinating multi-tiered student support interventions, and ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all students and staff. Stakeholders are confident that Accolla's deep experience, dedication to student success, and focus on collaborative leadership will make her an outstanding fit to lead Carolina Park Elementary.

"Rebecca Accolla is a passionate and proven leader who understands how to build strong teams, support teachers, and create an environment where all students thrive," said Anita Huggins, Superintendent of Schools. "She has been preparing for this moment throughout her career, and we are excited to see her continue Carolina Park's tradition of excellence."

Accolla brings a wide range of educational experiences to her new role. Prior to her leadership at Charles Pinckney, she served as Assistant Administrator at Carolina

Park Elementary, providing instructional support, facilitating schoolwide professional development, and leading safety and operations initiatives. Earlier in her career, she taught multiple elementary grade levels in both Charleston and Summerville and was recognized twice as a Teacher of the Year at two different schools — a testament to her impact in the classroom.

Accolla is also an alumna of the CCSD Aspiring Principal (APIP) program, and she holds a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from The Citadel along with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Radford University. With a proven record of driving student achievement and building positive, inclusive school communities, Accolla is poised to build on Carolina Park's success and create new opportunities for students, families, and staff.

"I am honored and excited to return to the Carolina Park community in this new role," said Accolla. "Carolina Park is a special place, and I look forward to working together with the incredible students, staff, and families to continue building a school where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their best."

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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.