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**Shawntay White**  
Interim Executive Director for the Elementary Learning Community

### **Shawntay White Named Interim Executive Director for CCSD's Elementary Learning Community**

**Charleston, SC** - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is pleased to announce that Shawntay White has been named Interim Executive Director for the Elementary Learning Community, effective June 1, 2025.

White has led Buist Academy for Advanced Studies since 2012 and has served in CCSD leadership for nearly two decades. Under her guidance, Buist earned multiple national honors, including two National Blue Ribbon School awards and top rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*.

Throughout her tenure, White expanded academic offerings, championed inclusive access, and introduced innovative programs in STEM, language, and student support. She also guided Buist through major transitions, including a building move, a program restructure, and the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, all while maintaining the school's tradition of academic excellence.

"I am incredibly excited for Shawntay White to join the Elementary Learning Community leadership team," said Dr. Jennifer Swearingen, Associate Superintendent for the Elementary Learning Community. "Ms. White is a proven, talented leader, and I know that she will have a positive impact on student achievement in the schools that we serve. She brings a clear vision and understanding of school and principal needs, has deep experience in a variety of schools and levels, and has an unwavering commitment to supporting students and systems across the district."

In her new role, White will support principals and school teams across CCSD's elementary schools, focusing on leadership development, instructional growth, and student success.

CCSD extends sincere thanks to Shawntay White for her years of service to Buist Academy and looks forward to her continued leadership at the district level.

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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.