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Colleen Carr
Leader of Liberty Hill Academy

Charleston County School District **Announces New Liberty Hill Academy Leader**

Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is pleased to announce that Colleen Carr has been named the new leader of Liberty Hill Academy, effective July 1, 2025. Carr has served as the district's Director of Acceleration Schools since 2022, where she coached assistant principals. Under her guidance, schools experienced a decrease in disciplinary issues and improvements in attendance; this shift has helped support students by building teacher capacity. Concurrently, Carr has served as interim principal at Simmons Pinckney Middle School, where she has made a significant impact on school culture, instructional practices, and student achievement.

With nearly 26 years of experience in education, Carr joined CCSD from Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS), where she held the position of Principal on Special Assignment for the College Fellows Program in the HCPS Transformation Network. Prior to that, she served as both assistant principal and principal of HCPS' largest middle school, Beth Shields Middle, which boasts a diverse population of over 1,800 students. During her time there, Carr played a pivotal role in navigating the challenges of the global pandemic, successfully leading the school's transition from in-person to virtual learning. She was instrumental in fostering a positive learning climate and culture, which led to the establishment of HCPS's first Scholar Quest Academy.

Known for her innovative approach, Carr also developed a unique accelerated program at Beth Shields that allowed students to earn up to 13 high school credits and fulfill their foreign language requirements before entering high school.

Additionally, she achieved an impressive retention rate of ninety percent of her school's staff and created a sixth-grade academy to support students in their transition to middle school.

During her tenure at Simmons-Pinckney Middle School in CCSD, Carr demonstrated exceptional leadership, as evidenced by the outstanding academic achievements of students. Notably, 100% of the school's Algebra I students passed the Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) assessment, and 100% of Spanish 1 Stamp Assessment successfully completed their assessments, earning high school credits.

Carr is known for her passionate, student-centered leadership and her commitment to equity, restorative practices, and academic growth. Throughout her career, she has built strong partnerships with families and communities, mentored aspiring administrators, and led schools to improved academic outcomes.

Carr steps in as leader of Liberty Hill Academy following the transition of Corey Shaw, who is moving into a new leadership position with CCSD. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Corey Shaw for his dedication to the Liberty Hill Academy family.

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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.