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Charleston County School District Appoints Dr. Abigail Woods as Executive Director of Expanded Learning

Charleston, SC (July 25, 2025) – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Abigail D. Woods as the new Executive Director of Expanded Learning. In this leadership role, Dr. Woods will oversee district-wide implementation of all before-school, after-school, and summer learning programs, with a focus on advancing student outcomes, closing achievement gaps, and aligning extended learning experiences with CCSD's instructional goals as the Expanded Learning Team also transitions into the Academics Division.

Dr. Woods brings over two decades of experience in education, including district-level leadership in finance and innovation, as well as school-level success as a principal and assistant principal. Most recently, she served as CCSD's Director of Internal Consulting and Director of Financial Operations, where she led the district's Weighted Student Funding initiative and supported a \$12 million Education Innovation and Research grant focused on culturally responsive classrooms.

"Dr. Woods is a visionary leader who understands both the operational and instructional aspects of running effective expanded learning programs," said Anita Huggins, Superintendent of Schools. "Her commitment to equity, her strategic approach to budgeting and evaluation, and her deep understanding of how to support students beyond the traditional school day make her the ideal fit for this role."

A former principal at Memminger Elementary and Minnie Hughes Elementary, Dr. Woods has a strong track record of fostering student progress, implementing International Baccalaureate

programming, and building school cultures rooted in high expectations and strong relationships. She is also a certified executive leadership coach and adjunct professor, helping educators and aspiring leaders grow in their craft.

As Executive Director, Dr. Woods will lead efforts to expand access to high-quality extended day and summer programming, support school-based partnerships, and develop systems for continuous program improvement. She will also be responsible for aligning the district's after-school initiatives with academic recovery goals, providing oversight for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, and strengthening community engagement.

"I am honored to step into this role at such a pivotal time," said Dr. Woods. "Expanded learning is not just about extending the school day; it's about extending opportunity. I look forward to working alongside our schools, families, and partners to ensure every child has access to enriching experiences that accelerate learning and nurture their full potential."

"Dr. Woods brings both strategic insight and a passion for student success," added Deputy Superintendent Dr. Luke Clamp. "She is the right leader to elevate and expand this important work."

Dr. Woods holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina and multiple certifications, including South Carolina principal and supervisor licensure, Read to Succeed, and SCTS 4.0 evaluator credentials.

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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 51,000 students in 90 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.