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Charleston County School Board Extends Superintendent Huggins' Contract Following Exemplary Evaluation

Charleston, SC (November 11, 2025) – At its November 10, 2025, Board Meeting, the Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees voted 8 - 1 to extend the contract of Superintendent Anita Huggins from February 6, 2027, through June 30, 2031. The decision follows the Board's recent evaluation of Huggins' performance. Trustee Darlene Roberson was the dissenting vote.

Huggins earned an Exemplary rating of 30.89 out of a possible 33 points on her annual evaluation, one of the highest ratings a superintendent can receive under the district's rubric. The evaluation reflected continued gains in student achievement, sound fiscal stewardship, and strengthened community trust.

Board Chair Pam McKinney said the extension demonstrates the Board's confidence in Huggins' leadership and the district's direction.

"Under Ms. Huggins' leadership, Charleston County School District is moving in the right direction," said McKinney. "Her commitment to improving student outcomes, supporting teachers, and operating with transparency has built a foundation of trust and measurable progress. The Board's vote reflects our confidence in her vision and the momentum we're seeing across our schools."

Superintendent Huggins expressed gratitude for the Board's support and emphasized the shared commitment driving CCSD's success.

"I'm deeply appreciative of the Board's confidence and support," said Huggins. "This extension reflects the collective work of our teachers, leaders, and staff who are dedicated to doing what's best for students every single day. I'm proud of how far we've come, and even more determined to build on our progress in the years ahead."

Committee of the Whole Chair Leah Whatley also praised the superintendent's leadership and collaborative approach.

"Ms. Huggins leads with both purpose and humility," said Whatley. "Her commitment to students, her transparency with the Board, and her ability to listen and adapt have strengthened this district. This extension ensures that we can continue the momentum of the success and stability her leadership has brought."

Huggins became superintendent in 2024 and has served CCSD for more than 25 years in roles including teacher, principal, deputy superintendent, and executive director of educator

effectiveness. During her tenure, the district has achieved its highest-ever SC READY scores, a record College and Career Readiness rate, and significant improvements in school report card ratings across all grade levels.

The superintendent's annual evaluation assessed leadership across three key areas: educational leadership, district management and operations, and board and community relations, using criteria aligned with state standards for superintendent performance.

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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.