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Media Release

Becky Accolla Named 2025 Star Rookie Principal for CCSD

North Charleston, SC (December 10, 2025) - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Becky Accolla, principal of Carolina Park Elementary School, as the 2025 Star Rookie Principal. In her first year as principal, Accolla has quickly distinguished herself as a servant-leader grounded in purpose, humility, and a deep belief in every child's potential.

With more than 20 years of experience, a two-time Teacher of the Year, and assistant principal, Accolla leads with a "Power of One Degree" mindset, emphasizing that small, intentional actions create lasting change. She has strengthened instructional practices, elevated PLC collaboration, and ensured data is used thoughtfully to support differentiated learning. Accolla works side-by-side with teachers, joining classroom instruction, supporting planning, and modeling strategies that prioritize strong relationships and high expectations.

She has also brought clarity and consistency to a school community experiencing a leadership transition. By establishing clear routines, strengthening communication, and building systems that support both academic and social-emotional growth, she has created an environment where students are known by name, their strengths, and needs, and where teachers feel trusted, valued, and well-supported.

Superintendent of Schools Anita Huggins praised Accolla's early impact, saying, "Becky Accolla is a leader who shows up every day with purpose and heart. She brings out the best in her teachers, she listens deeply, and she puts students at the center of every decision. Her commitment to strong instruction, meaningful relationships, and steady, intentional leadership makes her an outstanding choice for Star Rookie Principal."

Accolla previously served as Assistant Principal at Charles Pinckney Elementary and Assistant Administrator at Carolina Park. Earlier in her career, she taught multiple elementary grade levels in both Charleston and Summerville, earning recognition for her excellence in the classroom.

CCSD congratulates Becky Accolla on this well-deserved honor and celebrates the strong foundation she is already building at Carolina Park Elementary.

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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.

