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Media Release

Charleston County School District Names John Frampton as In-House Counsel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (November 6, 2026) – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce John G. Frampton as In-House Counsel. He has also been appointed Board Parliamentarian by General Counsel.

Frampton brings more than four decades of legal experience to the position, including extensive work in local government, public administration, litigation, and legal compliance. He most recently served as Of Counsel to the Dorchester County Attorney after spending more than 37 years as Dorchester County Attorney. During his tenure with Dorchester County, Frampton provided legal counsel to county leadership, administration, and departments on a wide range of matters. His responsibilities included advising on government operations, interpreting state and federal laws, and representing the county in litigation. His experience working with elected officials and public agencies has given him a strong understanding of the legal and operational challenges facing local governments.

"John brings an exceptional depth of experience and a strong understanding of public service to this role," said CCSD Superintendent Anita W. Huggins. "His decades of work advising local government leaders, navigating complex legal matters, and supporting public institutions will be a tremendous asset to our district. I am confident his judgment, experience, and approach to problem-solving will serve our Board, schools, and staff well."

In addition to his work with Dorchester County, Frampton spent more than 30 years as a partner with Chellis and Frampton, P.A., where he maintained a general law practice. Earlier in his career, he practiced with Them and Frampton and served as a law clerk with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

As In-House Counsel, Frampton will provide legal guidance to the Superintendent, Board of Trustees, and district leadership. He will advise on matters involving district policies, contracts, personnel, student issues, regulatory compliance, and other legal matters affecting district operations. He will also help identify and address legal risks while supporting the district's commitment to responsible governance and accountability.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve Charleston County School District and its students, employees, and families," said Frampton. "I have spent my career working with public officials and organizations, and I understand the importance of providing sound, practical legal

advice. I look forward to working with Superintendent Huggins, the Board of Trustees, and district staff in support of the district's mission."

Frampton graduated summa cum laude from the College of Charleston in 1976 with a degree in political science and received his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1979 where he was a member of the Order of Wig and Robe. He was admitted to the bar the same year.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district dedicated to ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education and the support needed to thrive. As South Carolina's second-largest school system, CCSD serves more than 50,000 students across 91 schools and specialized programs throughout 1,300 square miles of coastal communities, representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Anita Huggins, CCSD is focused on accelerating student achievement, expanding opportunities, and preparing every student for success in college, career, and life. Recent district accomplishments include record-high academic performance on state assessments, increasing graduation rates, and significant gains in college and career readiness, reflecting the district's commitment to continuous improvement and educational excellence. Through the Peninsula Promise, CCSD is also expanding access to early learning, college and career pathways, arts, and family support services to create seamless opportunities for students living on the historic Charleston Peninsula.

CCSD offers a diverse and expanding portfolio of educational choices, including neighborhood, magnet, charter, Montessori, and International Baccalaureate (IB) schools and programs. Students have access to rich learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); visual and performing arts; world languages; military and leadership programs; career and technical education; dual enrollment and early college opportunities; and other innovative pathways designed to meet a wide range of interests and aspirations.

Working in partnership with families, community organizations, higher education institutions, and industry leaders, CCSD remains committed to creating equitable opportunities, fostering student success, and ensuring that every graduate is prepared to contribute and compete in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.