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## **CCSD Hires Assistant Executive Director of Exceptional Children**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Madeline Jacobs as its Assistant Executive Director of Exceptional Children.

Originally from South Carolina, Jacobs has gained educational experience in Georgia and, most recently, in North Carolina. Beginning her official teaching career in Georgia, Jacobs taught students with disabilities in grades K-5.

Relocating to North Carolina with her family in 2011, Jacobs served as a program specialist and curriculum specialist with the Department of Exceptional Children for Iredell-Statesville schools. In those roles, she supported multiple schools, grades pre-K-12, as well as collaborated with a team of specialists to begin development of curriculum guides for the North Carolina Content Standards for the Extensions of Common Core.

For the past two and half years, Jacobs has served as a regional supervisor with the Department of Exceptional Children for Guilford County Schools, the third largest district in North Carolina, serving approximately 72,300 students in 127 schools in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

"We truly celebrate having Madeline Jacobs join our team," said Michele English-Watson, CCSD Executive Director of Student Support Services. "I believe that she will contribute to the success and improvement of student achievement with her skills, talents, and knowledge. We welcome Mrs. Jacobs to CCSD!"

Jacobs received her undergraduate degree from Erskine College in 1999. She also holds a Master of Science degree from Walden University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Valdosta State University.

Jacobs is excited to be back in her home state with her husband, Jeff, and two daughters, Grace and Sarah. She places great value in the success of all students and looks forward to being a part of the excellence that is Charleston County School District.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (International Baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.