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CCSD Announces New Interim Chief Accountability Officer Appointment

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Valerie Harrison as the new Interim Chief Accountability Officer. Previous to this appointment, Harrison served as the District's Interim Chief Academic Officer for the past year.

In this new role, Harrison will be responsible for leading collaborative efforts to design, recommend, implement, and monitor a district-wide accountability system for greater equity, access, and achievement for all students. She will also lead collaborative efforts to develop, implement, and monitor innovative programs to expand opportunities and outcomes for all students in order to ensure students' cultural, academic, social/emotional, and individual needs are addressed.

"I look forward to presenting, establishing, and monitoring the implementation of a comprehensive accountability system," said Harrison. "I believe we can take data on student learning and school effectiveness, and use it to improve learning opportunities, academic achievement, equity, and access for all students in Charleston County School District."

As Chief Accountability Officer, Harrison will provide learning opportunities for district and school staff members in an effort to enhance inclusion and promote appreciation of diversity. She will also ensure linkage to various community groups to further cultivate and develop positive relationships. Harrison will oversee Student Assessment and Accountability, School Choice, Innovative Programs and Grants, and Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives within the District.

"Valerie will excel in this new role," said Gerrita Postlewait, CCSD Superintendent. "She is the right individual to lead these efforts and will

foster the systemic change needed to help close the achievement gap for our students.”

Harrison holds both a Bachelor and Masters in English from South Carolina State University. She received her terminal degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Carolina. She also studied at The Citadel, Vanderbilt, and the Center for Creative Leadership.

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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.