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Blondell Adams

Director of Elementary Gifted Programs and Talent Development Academies

Blondell Adams joins CCSD Administration as the Director of Elementary Gifted Programs and Talent Development Academies

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Blondell Adams as the Director of Elementary Gifted Programs and Talent Development Academies. She has previously served as Principal at Springfield Elementary since 2010.

"I am excited about the opportunity to assist in developing schools where the academic talents of all students are identified and nurtured through rigorous, high-level learning environments," said Blondell Adams, Director of Elementary Gifted Programs and Talent Development Academies. "This is a different pathway to narrowing and eventually closing the achievement gap," she continued.

Adams began her career in Charleston County in 1982, joining the staff at Edmund A. Burns Elementary where she worked as a speech language pathologist to identify, diagnose, and develop programs for students and families to assist with speech language disorders. Adams went on to become an administrative intern for the District for one year before becoming Interim Principal of C.C. Blaney Elementary in 1994.

During her time at Blaney, Adams planned and developed schoolwide reading, writing, and staff development programs, as well as monitored student progress and evaluated teacher performance. This led to the school receiving its first rating of Excellent on the School State Report Card. Adams served at Blaney until 2002 when she became Principal of Baptist Hill High

School. In 2004, Adams transitioned to serve as Principal at Frierson Elementary where she remained until joining the team at Springfield in 2010.

Adams holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Education from Virginia Union University, a Master of Arts in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology from South Carolina State University, Endorsement hours (+30) in Special Education from the College of Charleston, and a Master of Education in Elementary and Secondary Administration and Supervision from The Citadel.

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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.