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Colleen Knauer, Ed.D.
Interim Principal of Northwoods Middle

CCSD Welcomes Dr. Colleen Knauer as Interim Principal of Northwoods Middle

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Dr. Colleen Knauer as Interim Principal at Northwoods Middle School. Knauer has been with CCSD for nearly 11 years, most recently serving as Acting Principal of North Charleston High School since August 2016.

Knauer came to CCSD in 2006 as an English teacher at North Charleston High. After teaching English for two years, Knauer advanced to serving as Department Head, as well as teaching Math in the fields of Algebra 1, Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus, Pre-Calculus, and Geometry. Shortly after, Knauer moved into the role of instructional coordinator where she observed and mentored teachers, provided professional development and constructive feedback, and gave instruction support to the Ninth Grade Academy. Prior to her most recent post as Acting Principal, Knauer served as Assistant Principal at North Charleston High where she directed the Ninth Grade Academy, created and implemented the State Challenge to Achieve Plan and budget, provided instructional support for teacher curriculum teams, implemented afterschool, supper, and summer programs, oversaw AdvancED visits, and assisted in hiring and mentoring new teachers and administrators.

Throughout her career as an educator, Knauer has received several certification endorsements including Read 2 Succeed and Gifted and Talented, as well as been nominated for the 2016 South Carolina Assistant

Principal of the Year, and been a part of the South Carolina State Developing Aspiring Principals Program (DAPP).

Knauer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English from the University of Rhode Island, a Master of Arts in Mathematics Education from The Citadel, an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Northeastern University, and a Principal Licensure from the University of Scranton in PK-12 Administration. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Trident Technical College for mathematics.

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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.