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**Jennifer Coker Welcomed as CCSD Executive
Director of Alternative Programs**

Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Jennifer Coker as the Executive Director of Alternative Programs. Coker has served as CCSD's Interim Director of Alternative Programs for the past year.

Within her position, Coker is responsible for overseeing the District's alternative schools and programs such as Septima P. Clark Academy, Daniel Jenkins Academy, Liberty Hill Academy, and the FOCUS Program. Staff within her department also handles homebound instruction, student discipline, crisis prevention and intervention training, drug and alcohol prevention and intervention, truancy, and the monitoring of students on probation around the District.

"Jennifer has a heart for students who come from challenging backgrounds, and believes they can still achieve educational success with the right opportunities and people around them," said Terri Nichols, CCSD Associate Superintendent of Schools. "We need to do our very best for all students and communities in our county, and Jennifer has been helping us do that for a decade."

Coker began her time in CCSD by serving as principal at West Ashley Middle School in January 2006. During her four years there, she helped the school improve its South Carolina Report Card At-Risk "Absolute Rating." In the summer of 2010, Coker moved to Daniel Jenkins Academy, and worked as the principal there until January 2016. While at Daniel Jenkins, Coker

created a middle school alternative program, and dedicated her efforts to helping students with behavioral and academic challenges.

Coker received her Bachelor of Science in Education at Baldwin Wallace College in Ohio in 1993, and her Master in Education Administration from Charleston Southern University in 2001.

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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.