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**John E. Cobb Steps Forward to Serve as
Executive Director on Special
Assignment at Burns Elementary**

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that John E. Cobb will serve as an Executive Director on Special Assignment at Edmund A. Burns Elementary beginning this fall. Cobb has served as Executive Director of Elementary Learning since May 2016.

Over the past year, the District has monitored the operation of Burns Elementary and implemented a co-teaching model in October 2016 as a strategy for improving instruction. Cobb voluntarily monitored this system on a daily basis for three months as part of his routine. During this time, he also encouraged and supported the Burns administration and faculty in developing meaningful strategies for parent engagement and communication.

Recently, Cobb requested to serve as the leader of Burns Elementary School in order to provide concentrated support for the school's faculty and staff as they continue to move forward.

"I believe that staff and parents can make a difference for the students at Burns," said Cobb. "We can use District resources to affect student achievement positively." Cobb begins his assignment at Burns on July 1, 2017.

Cobb's career as a school administrator includes serving as Assistant Principal at Colleton County's Forest Circle Middle School and CCSD's Springfield Elementary School, and as Principal at Northside Elementary School and Drayton Hall Elementary School. After 12 years at Drayton Hall, he served as the Interim Director of the Elementary Learning Community during the 2015-2016 school year; he was hired permanently as the Executive Director of the Elementary Learning Community in May 2016.

Cobb holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Herbert Lehman University in New York and a Master's in Elementary Education Administration and an Ed.S. in Education Leadership 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.