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Cynthia B. Ambrose Named CCSD Deputy Superintendent of Learning Services

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Cynthia B. Ambrose as Deputy Superintendent of Learning Services. Ambrose joins the District from Loudoun County Public Schools in Virginia where she has served as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction since August 2015.

Ambrose's passion and interest in education were sparked early on as a teenager when she took a job as a school bus driver and served as a special needs classroom aide during the summers in her hometown. Inspiring her to pursue elementary education in her undergraduate studies at the University of South Carolina, Ambrose promptly began her career in 1984 after graduation as a school teacher at Aynor Elementary in Horry County. As a result of her exceptional classroom skills and leadership, Ambrose quickly rose through the ranks in Horry County Schools from teacher to principal to district administrator, all in a matter of 12 years.

In 1998, Ambrose transitioned from serving as Coordinator of Elementary Education to Director, before finally being named Executive Director in 2000. For the last decade of her 31 year tenure in Horry County Schools, Ambrose served as the Chief Academic Officer from 2004-2015, where she was instrumental in the development of systems to effectively and efficiently monitor student progress and teacher cohorts to collectively problem-solve rather than applying one-size fits all solutions to challenges in the classroom. In 2011, she was named South Carolina's School District

Administrator of the Year. Following her time in Horry County, Ambrose took the position of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in Loudoun County Public Schools outside of Washington, D.C. from 2015 until now.

In her new post as CCSD Deputy Superintendent of Learning Services, Ambrose will be responsible for the implementation of district-wide initiatives and programs which aim to achieve the District's goals of closing the achievement gap, elevating achievement for all students, and increasing the college and career readiness rate. Additionally, this position will provide support and leadership to all aspects of CCSD's learning services including curriculum, instruction, assessment, support services, and parental engagement. Specially, Ambrose will oversee the elementary, middle, and high school learning communities, oversee and coordinate the implementation of coherent core curriculum and personalized learning, ensure the utilization of data to develop and monitor educational goals and initiatives which promote improved academic achievement for all, design, implement, and monitor strategic plans for school improvement, counsel and advise the Superintendent and Senior Leadership Team on research-supported strategies for learning, and develop a comprehensive program of early intervention to improve performance.

Ambrose holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, a Master of Education in Elementary Education, and a Master of Education in Educational Administration, all from the University of South Carolina. She also holds an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Coastal Carolina University.

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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.