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Cynthia Perez
Principal of Whitesides Elementary

Cynthia Perez Promoted to Principal at Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary

Charleston, SC — Cynthia Perez has served as assistant principal at Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary School for the past 14 years. Now, she will become the principal there, Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce her promotion.

Perez worked closely with Lona Pounder, the current principal at Whitesides, who is retiring this year.

Perez started her time in CCSD in 1993 as a guidance counselor at Memminger Elementary. From there, she went to the former McClellanville Middle School, where she worked as a guidance counselor, administrative assistant, and eventually, principal from 2001-2003.

During her time at Whitesides, Perez has conducted book studies with faculty for professional development and worked with the community to establish a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) focus for all students.

Perez received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Columbia College, and Masters in Elementary School Counseling and Elementary School 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.