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Lee Runyon Selected for Special Assignment Leading Center for Advanced Studies Development

Charleston, SC — The Charleston County School District (CCSD) and Lee Runyon are excited to announce his selection to serve as a principal on special assignment to lead the development of both the North Charleston and West Ashley Centers for Advanced Studies. Runyon will continue to serve as principal to ensure a smooth transition through the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

"I sincerely want to thank the faculty, staff, administrators, parents and most importantly, the students of West Ashley High who have supported me over the past three years," said Lee Runyon. "Their unwavering dedication and commitment towards the institution's success is the driving force in making West Ashley one of the best high schools. I am excited for this new venture to develop state of the art career and technology centers to improve student outcomes in college and career readiness. As a former Director of Thunderbolt Career Center in Colleton County, I understand the economic value these centers will provide for our communities in West Ashley and North Charleston."

Runyon will begin his new role on July 1, 2017.

"We look forward to Mr. Runyon's leadership in assisting with the design and development of two new Centers of Advanced Studies," said Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait. "These centers are crucial to

the District's mission of ensuring that every student who exits our system is career, college, and citizenship ready," she continued.

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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.