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Michelle Conner
Principal of Ashley River Creative Arts

**Michelle Conner Named Principal of
Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary
School**

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Michelle Conner as Principal of Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School. Conner has served as the Assistant Principal at Ashley River in West Ashley since April 2015.

In her career as an educator, Conner first served as a graduate assistant to three year olds at the Early Childhood Development Center at the College of Charleston while obtaining one of her master's degrees. Upon completion of her graduate studies, Conner obtained a preschool special education teaching position at Mary Ford Elementary in 1993, where she also served as Preschool PTA Club Chairperson. Several years later, Conner took her career abroad serving as an English as a second language (ESL) kindergarten teacher and English Grade Level Leader at the American School of Guatemala in Guatemala City from 1996-1999. Upon her return to the U.S., Conner was hired as a kindergarten teacher at a low income, multicultural school in Alexandria, Virginia. Several years later, she went on to teacher second grade in a similar school environment in Wichita, Kansas.

In 2004, Conner returned to CCSD to teach at Mt. Pleasant Academy (MPA) where she instructed kindergarten, first, and third grades over the course of the next 11 years. While at MPA, Conner spent time during the summers serving as a Summer Literacy Program Site Coordinator at Mitchell

Elementary and assisting MPA administration with special projects, including back-to-school activities and programs for teachers. In 2015, Conner became the Assistant Principal at Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary where she has served up until now.

Conner holds a Bachelor of Arts in Language and International Trade with an emphasis in Spanish and Global Marketing from Clemson University. She also has a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the College of Charleston and a Master of Education in Elementary Administration from The Citadel. She has also served as an Aspire Plus Cohort Member, Assistant Coordinator of Arts Mini Conference, SAFE-T Evaluator, PTA Board Teacher Liaison and Vice President at MPA, and was a CCSD A-B-C Award Nominee and the 2011 Teacher of the Year for MPA.

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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.