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## Media Release

### **Cindy Bohn Coats Elected as SCSBA Region 2 Director**

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**Charleston, SC** – Cindy Bohn Coats, Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees member, was elected as Region 2 Director of the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) during the association's annual Delegate Assembly in Charleston this past Saturday, December 8, 2018. She was elected to a four-year term. Region 2 serves Charleston County.

The association's annual business meeting, which was held during the association's Legislative Advocacy Conference, included voting delegates from most of the state's 81 school boards. In addition to electing association officers, delegates adopted resolutions to guide the association during the 2019 legislative session.

"It is an honor to represent Region 2 on the South Carolina School Board Association's Board of Directors," said Coats. "The majority of the issues related to education in Charleston County are faced by every school district in South Carolina. By working together, comparing successes, discussing issues, and communicating with our state leadership, we are able to harness the power of many voices advocating for change."

Coats has served on the CCSD Board of Trustees since 2010. She served as the chair of the Audit/Finance Committee for two years, as Vice Chair for one year, and served as Chair from 2012 through 2016. She has earned Level Three of the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute.

Coats is the Executive Director of The Sanctuary for Sober Living, an organization dedicated to supporting addicts in recovery and their families, providing educational and prevention programs to local schools, community groups, and churches, and advocating for addiction support and treatment at the local, state, and national level.

Officers elected to lead the association's board of directors for a one-year term are as follows:

- President, Tony Folk, Dorchester School District Four
- President-elect, Chuck Saylor, Greenville County Schools
- Vice President, Cheryl Burgess, Lexington School District Three

- Secretary/Treasurer, Jamie Devine, Richland One School District

Others elected to serve a four-year term on the 23-member board of directors as regional directors are:

- Region 2, Cindy Bohn Coats, Charleston County School District
- Region 6, Charles Govan, Darlington County School District
- Region 8, Amelia McKie, Richland School District Two
- Region 10, Hannah Priester, Hampton District One
- Region 11, Tim Rhodes, Abbeville County School District
- Region 14, Travis Sloan, Spartanburg School District One

For more information about Cindy Bohn Coats' election as Region 2 Director, please contact the Office of Strategy and Communications at (843) 937-6303 or SCSBA's Communications Manager, Becky Bean, at (803) 988-0227.

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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.

#### **About the South Carolina State Boards Association**

The South Carolina School Boards Association is a non-profit organization serving as a source of information and a statewide voice for boards governing the state's 81 school districts.