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## Media Release



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### **Dr. Eppelsheimer Honored with 2019 South Carolina Association of School Librarian's Intellectual Freedom Award**

**Charleston, SC** – Wando High School Principal Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer was selected unanimously as the winner of the South Carolina Association of School Librarian's (SCASL) Intellectual Freedom Award which honors those who stand firm for the freedom to read.

Eppelsheimer was recognized at a ceremony in Columbia at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Friday, March 8, 2019.

Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer has worked over 30 years in public education and has provided quality leadership at every level. Dr. Eppelsheimer is a graduate of Lander University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. She also earned an M.Ed. degree from Clemson University in Secondary Guidance and Counseling. After additional graduate work at the University of South Carolina in 2003, she earned her professional certificate in School Administration and Supervision. In 2013, she earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from USC.

Before coming to Wando, Dr. Eppelsheimer served in a variety of roles in Greenwood, S.C. as an English teacher and Instructional Specialist. She is a Nationally Board Certified Teacher, former Teacher of the Year and AP English teacher who has worked successfully with diverse student groups. Dr. Eppelsheimer has also served as an SAT and ACT Coordinator, SIC and PTSO Liaison, Capturing Kids' Hearts Coordinator, Professional Development and Textbook Coordinator, and served on several state and regional committees among several other positions.

"Dr. Eppelsheimer is an advocate for teachers and students," said Lucye Magill, a Wando teacher who nominated Eppelsheimer for the award. "One of her main priorities is to make sure that our teachers feel supported in their choice of curriculum. She trusts and respects the instructional decisions of her teachers."

In her nomination, Magill described Eppelsheimer as an advocate for all Wando students.

"One of her main priorities is to make sure that our teachers feel supported in their choice of curriculum," said Magill. "She trusts and respects the instructional decisions of her teachers. Dr. Eppelsheimer is also an advocate for all Wando students and wants everyone to have access to the best education possible. Part of having the best education means having access to a variety of materials and perspectives."

To learn more about the Intellectual Freedom award visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

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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 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. 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.