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Lee Runyon named principal of North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce the selection of Lee Runyon as the principal of the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies (CAS). In this role, Runyon will drive the development, planning, preparation, and execution of the CAS program in North Charleston. Runyon has served as the principal of West Ashley High School for the last six years.

As principal of North Charleston's CAS, Runyon will spearhead the overall direction, coordination, and evaluation of the CAS, ensuring alignment of the CAS's development with the district's strategic plan. Runyon will be responsible for the creation and management of a master schedule which serves all feeder schools including North Charleston High, Garrett Academy, R.B. Stall, Military Magnet, and Burke, as well as all communication, public relations, and development of relationships with post-secondary and industry partners. Additionally, he will develop programs of study, recruit and hire highly-qualified staff, and develop professional development for middle and high guidance counselors within the North Charleston CAS zone. Runyon will work to implement work-based learning opportunities, integrate common skills currently in high demand into programming, and establish educational, administrative, and career counseling services at the center. He will also create and manage the CAS's budget, coordinate all transportation logistics with feeder schools, facilitate CTE Center Accreditation, and oversee the construction of the facility and the safety and security of all students and staff on campus.

Before his appointment as principal of West Ashley in 2013, Runyon served as principal of St. John's High for four years.

"Lee will do an outstanding job in North Charleston with our CTE department ensuring the new Center for Advanced Studies offers state-of-the-art, robust career technology programs to enable all students to be college, career, and citizenship ready," said CTE Executive Director Rich Gordon. "We look forward to seeing his vision and leadership infused in this key work."

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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.