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**Ruth Taylor**  
Principal of Mary Ford Elementary

### **Ruth Taylor Joins Mary Ford as New Principal**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce executive director Ruth Taylor will serve as principal at Mary Ford Elementary. Mary Ford's interim principal, Camille Hendrix, will retire on June 30, 2019 of this year.

Serving at the district level, Taylor was Assistant Associate Superintendent for the Elementary Learning Community from 2010 to 2013 and Student Support Services beginning in 2014. Prior to that, she served as principal at Stono Park Elementary from 2005 to 2010 and assistant principal at Beech Hill Elementary from 1999 to 2005. She has taught on various levels from second grade to post-high school in Florida and California before relocating to the Charleston area in 1992 and landing her first job in CCSD at Stono Park Elementary as a certified Parent Educator.

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in Business Education from the University of South Florida in Tampa and a master's degree in Administration and Supervision (all levels)

from the University of Tampa. She also holds a certification in Elementary Education from Chapman College and a Master's +30 in Guidance and Elementary.

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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 spanning 1,300 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.