

Biographical Information on 6/27/11 Staff Appointments

Hursey Elementary School – Dr. Timothy G. Schavel

Dr. Schavel comes from Berkeley County where he served as an assistant principal at Berkeley Elementary and Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet. He is a certified ADEPT Evaluator and has been a member of the SC Mathematics Curriculum Standards Review Panel and SCTM Advisory Panel. He has six years of classroom experience and was the 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year at Jennie Moore Elementary School.

Ladson Elementary School – Ms. Celeste Couch

Ms. Couch has served as interim Principal at Ladson Elementary and assistant principal at North Charleston Elementary School. Her professional trainings include Assistant Principal's Program for Leadership Excellence, Second in Command, Principals for Tomorrow, and PBIS SET Evaluator. She has 15 years of classroom experience.

Memminger Elementary School – Teresa Nowlin

Ms. Nowlin has served as assistant principal at Oakland Elementary School since 2009. Her professional trainings include Assistant Principal's Program for Leadership Excellence and Principals for Tomorrow. She comes with over four years of classroom experience.

North Charleston High School - Robert Grimm

Mr. Grimm has served as principal of CE Williams Middle School since 2008. In his first year, the school's Adequate Yearly Progress increased from 70.4% to 91.7% and the state growth rating improved from at-risk to average where it has remained since 2009. Since 2008, Mr. Grimm has created a professional development plan for staff, instituted an exemplary rated PBIS plan to foster positive school climate and has restructured the school budget to address financial constraints. He comes with four years experience as an assistant principal and 12 years of classroom experience. In addition, he served in the United States Air Force for eight years.

St. Andrew's Middle School – Michael Ryan

Mr. Ryan has served as interim principal at St. Andrew's Middle School since 2010. Before coming to St. Andrew's Middle School, he served as assistant principal at Wando High School. He has over 13 years experience as an assistant principal and numerous years of classroom experience. He is a retired US Army Infantry Officer and was elected to two terms as a Horry County Councilman.

Associate Superintendent for Academic and Student Support – Dr. Lisa Herring

Since 2009, Dr. Herring has served as the executive director for the CCSD Office of Student Support Services, the largest division of the Academic Office. Previously, she served as director of Student Support Services for Bibb County School District and assistant director of Student Services for Dekalb County School District. She is a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet, the Academic Council, the Charleston Neighborhoods of Promise Initiative and the Innovation Zone strategic planning team. Dr. Herring has earned the reputation of an effective communicator and compassionate professional.

Executive Director for Achievement and Accountability – Melissa Matarazzo

Ms. Matarazzo has served as Liaison to the Superintendent for School Quality Reviews & Land/Property Issues at CCSD. Ms. Matarazzo began her career as a middle school teacher and then assistant principal. She then served four years as the principal of the J. Henry Higgins Middle School in Massachusetts, the state's largest middle school. In July, 2009 she was accepted into the prestigious Urban Superintendents Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, where she has pursued her superintendent's licensure and Doctorate in Education. She combines technical expertise in school quality, research and data management with the practical day-to-day running of a school and working with teachers.