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Christopher Haynes
Interim Principal at Jerry Zucker Middle School

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Chris Haynes to serve as interim principal at Jerry Zucker Middle

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Christopher “Chris” Haynes as interim principal at Jerry Zucker Middle School. Haynes joins Zucker from Liberty Hill Academy where he has served as principal since 2016.

Haynes began his career in education in 2005 as a teacher at Wilson High School in Florence School District One. Over the next six years, Haynes taught high school social studies to students in grades 10-12. During that time, he also led the social studies department as department chair and made major gains in passage rates on the U.S. History End-of-Course exam.

In 2011, Haynes took a position as assistant principal at Southside Middle School (SSMS) in Florence One. As assistant principal, he led several initiatives including professional learning communities (PLCs) to improve behavior management in classrooms, a Watch D.O.G.S program to bring positive male role models into the school, and he evaluated teachers and staff to achieve academic gains. He also coordinated the summer Falcon Camp to acclimate incoming middle school scholars to middle school life. During that time, Haynes also brought in a new classroom observation application to the district and supervised it districtwide.

After two years as assistant principal at SSMS, Haynes moved to South Florence High School (SFHS). At SFHS, Haynes once again improved U.S. History End-of-Course testing passage rates, as well as developed and

implemented a plan to track students who left the school, leading to historically high graduation rates.

In 2016, Haynes became the principal of Liberty Hill Academy, an alternative program in CCSD. As principal, he has led the school to develop a new vision and has implemented a positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) plan to allow students to successfully restore to their homeschool. He has worked closely with staff to increase student growth and success on both MAP and SCPASS/SCREADY testing. He also used data from Adaptive Digital Learning programs to focus instruction and increase student success.

Haynes earned a Bachelor of Science in History and Education from Francis Marion University and a Master of Educational Leadership from Winthrop University. He looks forward to working the Zucker students, families, and staff this year.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, 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 87 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.