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Ian James
Interim Principal at Midland Park Primary School

James to serve as Midland Park interim principal for 2021-2022 school year

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Ian James as interim principal at Midland Park Primary School. James has served as the assistant principal at Pinehurst Elementary School in North Charleston since 2013.

James began his career in education as a physical education instructor at Springfield Elementary School in 1997. After two years, James relocated to the West Coast to Washington State where he served as a case manager for Friends of Youth. As case manager, James developed and coordinated community services to assist homeless youth in gaining education, housing, and employment.

Several years later, James rejoined the K-12 education system as a school counselor at White River High School in White River School District. During his three years at White River, James applied the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) model elementary guidance system, developed individual graduation plans (IGPs), presented at quarterly parent nights, and provided a career pathways focus on transitioning to post high school education and employment opportunities.

Similarly, James went on to serve as lead school counselor at Cedarcrest High School in Riverview School District in 2005 where he directed the development of a master course schedule, served as the school's crisis response team

leader, and coordinated 504 plan identification, evaluation, and implementation.

In 2009, James returned to CCSD as the school counselor at Pinehurst Elementary. As school counselor, James facilitated key counseling services directed out of Response to Intervention (RTI) and PBIS data, as well as administered system support for continuous program development. After serving in this role for four years, James became the school's assistant principal in 2013.

James earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from The College of Charleston, a Master of Education in Counselor Education from The Citadel, and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from The Citadel. He also holds a South Carolina elementary principal certification and has extensive experience and training with Leadership Blueprint, Read to Succeed, Multi-tier Systems of Support (MTSS), and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

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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.