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Keturah Gadson, Ed.D.
Principal at Northwoods Middle

Keturah Gadson joining Northwoods Middle for 2021-22 school year

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Dr. Keturah Gadson as principal at Northwoods Middle School beginning July 1, 2021. Gadson joins the district from Berkeley High School where she has served as assistant principal for the last eight years.

Current Northwoods principal, Dr. Colleen Knauer, will be transitioning within the district to work with Associate Superintendent Dr. Joe Williams in CCSD's Secondary Learning Community this summer. Knauer has served as principal of Northwoods since 2017.

Gadson began her career in 2007 at Hanahan High School as an English teacher. While at Hanahan, Gadson taught college preparatory and honors classes in American literature, British literature, World literature, composition, and rhetoric. She also served on the Athletic Advisory Board, sponsored several clubs and organizations, and organized a successful HSAP tutoring program for first-time testers and repeaters.

In 2012, Gadson joined the staff at Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner as an accountability and graduation specialist. In this role, she created, implemented, and synthesized benchmark tests and data for all courses, as well as led and assisted with staff development and coordinated all school administered state and district testing. She also compiled and evaluated data

for annual reporting and designed End of Course and HSAP test preparation programming.

The following year, Gadson transitioned to serving as assistant principal at Berkeley High. For the last eight years, Gadson has successfully coached teachers in classroom management and instruction, collaborated and pilot flipped classrooms and self-paced learning for Algebra II, mentored first year teachers, overseen 1:1 schoolwide Chromebook implementation, supervised early blended learning programs, and much more. Recently, Gadson effectively helped increase Fall 2019 End of Course results in Algebra I from 44% to 60%. She also organized and conducted Office of Civil Rights staff development through Francis Marion University's Center of Excellence while also supervising multiple departments including Guidance, Fine Arts, English, World Language, Math, Special Education, AFJROTC, and more. In 2021, Gadson was selected as a Berkeley County School District Top 3 Assistant Principal of the Year Finalist.

Gadson holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Education from Claflin University where she was a member of the Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College. She also holds a Master of Education in Secondary Administration and Supervision from Charleston Southern University and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She received her superintendent certification and Read to Succeed endorsement in 2019 and is National Board Certified Teacher in English Language Arts in Adolescent and Young Adult Literature.

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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.