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Stephen Thomas
Principal at St. Andrew's School of Math & Science

CCSD announces new principal at St. Andrew's Math and Science

Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Stephen Thomas as principal at St. Andrew's School of Math and Science. Thomas joins St. Andrew's from Memminger Elementary School where he has served as an assistant principal since 2018.

Thomas began his career in education in 2008 as a teacher at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School. Over the next six years, Thomas instructed both second and fourth grades, as well as developed a school-wide behavior incentive system, organized fundraising events, and spearheaded service drives benefitting MUSC Children's Hospital and Operation Christmas Child. He was also named the school's 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year.

Following his time at St. James-Santee, Thomas joined the district's Office of Teacher Effectiveness as a teacher effectiveness specialist. In this role, Thomas fostered professional growth utilizing Cognitive Coaching strategies to provide formative feedback for Induction I teachers, analyzed COT data, and created professional growth plans for annual diagnostic teachers.

With an opportunity to move into school administration, Thomas took the position of assistant principal at Jennie Moore Elementary in 2015. As assistant principal, Thomas developed a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) model to regularly monitor classroom concerns, managed 1:1 iPad deployment and best instructional practices for all school devices, and supervised a CCSD-sponsored Summer Reading Camp.

In 2018, Thomas began service in his current role as assistant principal at Memminger Elementary. At Memminger, Thomas worked to ensure student success by revamping the school's disciplinary approach resulting in a 75% decrease in student discipline over two years, facilitating data-based instructional decisions derived from MAP tests, coordinating partnerships with local non-profits, and overseeing virtual and temporary remote instruction during the global pandemic.

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from The College of Charleston and a Master of Education in Elementary Administration from Charleston Southern University. He is also a graduate of ASPIRE Plus and DAAP cohorts.

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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.