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Celeste Spires to Join Deer Park as Interim Principal

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce and welcome Celeste Spires as interim principal of Deer Park Middle School this fall. Spires has served as the principal of Ladson Elementary since 2011.

During her time at Ladson, Spires raised the school's report card status from "At-Risk" to "Good" in the State's Absolute and Growth Rating. Spires also served as assistant principal and interim principal at North Charleston Elementary School (NCES) for three years. While serving as assistant principal, NCES met the State's AYP requirements for the first time in its existence.

Spires has led schools through many initiatives including varied curriculum pilots, the district's Personalized Learning initiative, and one-to-one technology projects with Chromebooks. Additionally, all schools she has led have been exemplar Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) schools.

Previous to becoming a principal, Spires served as a teacher coach for many downtown, North Charleston, and West Ashley elementary and middle schools. In this role, she supported principals and teachers in the collection, analysis, and use of data to create data-informed instruction and differentiation plans.

Spires graduated from the University of South Carolina at Aiken and The Citadel with a Specialist degree in Education Supervision.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 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.