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James Simons and Springfield Elementary Receive Permanent Principal Appointments for 18-19 School Year

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Christine “Chris” Ryan as principal of James Simons Elementary and Megan Williams as principal of Springfield Elementary. Both individuals served in interim capacities during the 2017-18 school year.

Ryan began her career in 1983 as an elementary school teacher in Alachua and Kane County School Districts in Florida and Illinois. Returning to South Carolina in 1995, Ryan joined Horry County School District where she served as a school resource teacher at St. James Middle, Socastee High, and Forestbrook Middle. Ten years later, Ryan came to CCSD, first serving as a teacher coach at Laing Middle, then as a District 3/9 learning specialist. Ryan was the assistant principal at James Simons before becoming interim principal last school year.

Williams began her career in the district at Charles Pinckney Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher for eight years. In 2008, she moved to Stono Park Elementary and taught fifth grade for one year and served as lead teacher for three. Williams next transitioned to Springfield Elementary, where she was the assistant principal for five years before becoming interim principal last school year.

Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education from Illinois State University, a Master of Education in Reading from the University of Florida Gainesville, and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from The Citadel. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Clemson University, a Master of Education from The Citadel in Educational Leadership, and is nationally board certified.

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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.