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## Media Release

### **CCSD's Susan Friedrich Receives National Honor**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Susan Friedrich is the Coalition on Adult Basic Education's (COABE) 2019 Outstanding Administrator of the Year. Friedrich, who is CCSD's Director of Adult Education, will be honored in New Orleans at COABE's national conference in April.

COABE advances national and international adult education and literacy opportunities for all persons and represents the system of 55,000 adult educators in the United States. COABE membership allows for participation in professional development webinars, attending virtual and national conferences and regional institutes, downloading the research journal, participating in and legislative advocacy initiatives, and joining in the award-winning "[Educate and Elevate](#)" national public awareness campaign.

The Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award is awarded to an adult education administrator with five or more years of experience who has made an outstanding contribution toward fostering the concept of education as a continuing life-process.

"I am humbled by this recognition," said Friedrich. "This award is for the hard working dedicated staff of the district's adult education program, who every day for years, have assisted the adult learner with earning their high school diploma, improving their English skills and/or preparing for post-secondary education/employment. Thank you to the numerous partner agencies who have opened their doors so adult education can provide on-site programs in the communities they serve and to the students and their families in making the commitment to overcome barriers to achieve success."

Friedrich was recently named the South Carolina Adult Education Director of the Year. The state recognition was announced on Friday, February 15, 2019 at the South Carolina Adult Education Spring Institute and Celebrating Success Recognition Ceremony. She has 37 years of experience – 35 of which have been in adult education with CCSD.

Rich Gordon, CCSD's Executive Director of Career and Technology Education (CTE), nominated Friedrich as an acknowledgment of her work in developing and implementing education and workforce development training programs for over

sixty agencies and businesses, representing a cross-section of non-profits, faith-based organizations, governmental agencies, and institutions of higher learning.

"Susan has made a tremendous impact on both the child, young adult, and adult learning communities," said Gordon. "As the Adult Education Director of one of the largest school districts [in South Carolina], she works tirelessly to ensure that students receive an appropriate and rewarding educational experience. With this assignment, she has had the capability to deliver a greater impact on courses, curriculum, professional development, and students, and she has greatly surpassed all expectations."

"I am grateful to the district for the opportunity to serve our community and assist the adult learner and their families toward academic and workforce success," added Friedrich.

Winners of the COABE National Awards (which also include a Teacher of the Year and Student of the Year) receive \$10,000 each and are sponsored by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

For more about this award for Susan Friedrich, contact Rich Gordon in the CTE department at (843) 402-7904. To learn more about the District's Adult Education program, please visit the department's section on the CCSD [website](#).

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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 several 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 led by associate superintendents. 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.