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## **Erica Sarah Taylor Transitions to Chief of Staff for Charleston County Schools**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is excited to announce Erica S. Taylor as its new Chief of Staff. Taylor has received a title change after previously serving as CCSD's Chief Officer for Strategy and Communications for the past two years, and as its Executive Director of that division for several years prior.

Taylor will continue to supervise the Office of Strategy and Communications, as well as provide enhanced executive level support on various internal projects and district relations with government and community agencies.

In addition to her service in the community and on various local, regional, and national boards, Taylor has been the recipient of several accolades for her work. This year, she was recognized by the Charleston Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity Inc. as the 2018 Outstanding Educator of the Year; by the Charleston Regional Business Journal as a 2018 40 under 40 Honoree; and by the Thomas Media Group "Black Pages/ Black Expo" as a 2018 20 under 40 Honoree. Taylor is currently a Racial Equity Leadership Network Fellow and was a 2018 South Carolina Education Policy Fellow.

Before joining CCSD, she served as the Director of University Relations and Marketing at South Carolina State University (SC State), in Orangeburg, S.C. for eight years. During her successful tenure at SC State, Taylor was also a member of the University President's Executive Cabinet. Her professional background also includes: Program Coordinator of Public Service Activities for 1890 Research and Extension, Adjunct Professor of Mass Communications, and Reporter and Assistant Producer for a television station in Tallahassee, Florida. She holds a Master of Science in Journalism, and a Bachelor of Arts in Professional English and Communications.

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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.