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Shanitra S. Deas
Principal of Deer Park Middle School

Shanitra Deas to serve as principal of Deer Park Middle

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Shanitra Deas as principal of Deer Park Middle School. Deas joins the district from Dent Middle in Columbia, SC where she has served as the assistant principal since 2013.

Deas first served as an English Language Arts teacher at Bates Middle and Furman Middle in Sumter, SC in the mid to late 2000s. In June 2012, she became a curriculum effectiveness specialist at Kelly Mill Middle School in Blythewood, SC. As a curriculum specialist, she monitored curriculum and instruction to ensure alignment with local, state, and national standards, assisted teachers with developing clear and appropriate objectives, designed professional development for staff that employed a variety of instructional strategies to increase student achievement, developed long range plans and lessons, and integrated various technology applications and learning tools into the classroom. The following year, Deas took a position as the assistant principal at Dent Middle School where she has spent the last six years developing programs to support at-risk learners, managing grants including GEAR UP and Race to the Top, and overseeing the instruction, safety, and security of over 400 students daily.

“Shanitra’s experience and training in leadership, instructional practices and school culture further enhances the superb pool of talented leaders we have in CCSD,” said CCSD Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait. “We are excited to welcome her from Richland 2 and look forward to having her lead the students and staff at Deer Park next year.”

Deas received a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Leadership Studies and a Master of Education in Divergent Learning from Columbia College. She also holds a Master of Education in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina. Deas earned her National Board certification in 2011 and has participated in the AVID Summer Institute, Developing Aspiring Principals Program (DAPP), CERRA Teacher Mentor training, and Capturing Kids Hearts training.

Deas is a member of the 2017-2018 SC-ASCD Emerging Leaders cohort, the SC Association of School Administrators, SC Association of Middle Level Education, SC Association of Black School Educators, and Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE).

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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.