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**Tawayne Weems**  
Interim Principal of Daniel Jenkins Academy

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## **Tawayne Weems appointed interim principal of Daniel Jenkins Academy**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce and welcome Tawayne Weems as interim principal of Daniel Jenkins Academy. Weems has served as an assistant principal at R.B. Stall High School since 2013.

Weems began his career as a Spanish teacher in Akron Public Schools in Ohio in 1996. Weems moved to Pittsburgh four years later where he continued working as a Spanish teacher for nine years before becoming an assistant principal and principal in Pittsburgh Public Schools. In 2012, Weems joined CCSD as a Spanish teacher at R.B. Stall where he utilized Capturing Kids' Hearts programs to build positive relations with students, developed curricula for native and novice Spanish speakers, provided interpretation services for students and staff, and worked collaboratively interdepartmentally to provide translations of materials to adapt to English Language Learners (ELL) students. After one year, Weems was promoted to assistant principal.

In his role as an assistant principal at Stall, Weems managed school operations, facilitated student transportation, supervised the Special Education and World Language departments, and reduced suspension rates and school incidents through management of school discipline. He also conducted parent workshops, managed the school's on-site alternative program increasing the number of students graduating and obtaining credits, and mentored students restored back to school to help increase their success rate.

Weems received a Bachelor of Science in Education and Spanish from the University of Akron and completed an intensive Spanish immersion program with the Autonomous University of Guadalajara in Mexico. He obtained a Master of Science in Leadership and Information Technology from Duquesne University and holds a school administrator certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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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.