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Ashley Dorsey
Principal of Laurel Hill

Ashley M. Dorsey Named Principal of Laurel Hill Primary School

Charleston, SC — Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce Ashley Dorsey as Principal of Laurel Hill Primary School, which serves students in grades K-2. Dorsey has served as the Assistant Principal at Stiles Point Elementary on James Island since July 2013.

Dorsey began her career in 2004 as a fifth grade talent development teacher at Tuckaseegee Elementary in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. While at Tuckaseegee, Dorsey served as PTA Secretary, Grade Level Chair, advised two student organizations, and developed and coordinated effective academic improvement programs and remedial reading lessons for after school district programs. In 2006, Dorsey joined CCSD as an upper elementary teacher at Sullivan's Island Elementary. While in this position, she served on the school's Leadership Team, Safety Team, Student Council Association, School Improvement Council, Wellness Team, and as the Safe-T Evaluator, Director of Camp Intervention, and Instructional Resource Teacher.

Six years later, Dorsey was promoted to Partial Magnet Coordinator with the responsibility of providing high quality inquiry-based science experiments to students in all grade levels, developing partnerships with science, math, and environmental agencies to enrich curriculum, recruiting students for the magnet program, analyzing PASS and VCG data, and serving as proxy when the principal was out of the building. It wasn't long before Dorsey successfully obtained the position of Assistant Principal at another CCSD

elementary school where she implemented the school's academic goals in the school renewal plans, assisted with hiring for vacant positions, participated in budget and allocation planning, managed the proactive positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) model, participated in teacher observations using the Classroom Observation Tool (COT), and administered gifted and talented and MAP testing.

Dorsey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Clemson University and a K-12 Academically-Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Certification from the University of Virginia. She also holds a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from the The Citadel. Dorsey was recently a participant in Charleston County's 2014-2015 Principals for Tomorrow Program as well.

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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.