

# 2018 Election Primer

## Ace the Mid-Terms!

### *How to Become a Candidate for*

Charleston County Consolidated School Board  
or  
Charleston County Constituent School Board



EQUITY, ACCESS, AND  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL  
STUDENTS

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# CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina. It is a blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,000 square miles of coastal lands. CCSD serves more than 49,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. It includes neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools and is divided into elementary and early, middle, and secondary Learning Communities, each led by an associate superintendent. With approximately 6,500 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

## Charleston County School District

# 2016 TO 2017

# Facts

excellence is our standard

75 Calhoun Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 937-6300

### Charleston Achieving Excellence

**Mission**  
The mission of CCSD, a dynamic system of challenging educational choices, is to increase student achievement overall, and close the achievement gap in order to prepare all students to compete in a global economy and make a positive contribution to our community and nation

**Our Goals**

1. Close the Achievement Gap
2. Elevate Achievement Overall
3. Raise the Graduation Rate

**Vision**  
Every child will graduate from CCSD with the critical skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and the 21st Century global workforce

**Our Values**

1. Results
2. Access
3. Partnerships
4. Diversity

**Achievement Data**

Graduation Rate	82.9%
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**Students**

- 49,948 students
- 2nd largest school district in the state
- A diverse, expanding portfolio of options—including neighborhood, charter programs, and magnet schools

Student Ethnic Composition		
Asian	785	(1.6%)
Black	19,536	(39.1%)
Hispanic	4,692	(9.4%)
White	23,547	(47.1%)
Other	1,388	(2.8%)

English Language Learners	3,851
Special Education Students	4,778

**Personnel**

- 5,520 certified and support staff
- 4th largest employer in the county

Number of Teachers	
Full Time	3,163
Part Time	72
Teachers Assistants	575

Average Teacher Salary	\$48,811
Teachers Returning From Previous Year	91.0%
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	63.6%

**Budget**

Per Pupil Expenditure	\$10,814
General Annual Operating Budget	\$436 million

**Facilities**  
CCSD maintains 1600 acres and over 100 buildings. Those buildings encompass 9.25 million square feet of indoor space.

CD/Head Start Facilities	54
Elementary Schools	48
Middle Schools	12
High Schools	12
Programs	5
Charter Schools	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>

**For More Info**  
Information about CCSD is updated regularly on the CCSD website at [ccsdschools.com](http://ccsdschools.com)

# Understanding the Charleston County Consolidated & Constituent School Districts

The Charleston County School District encompasses over 80 schools and programs in **four Consolidated School Districts** and **eight Constituent School Districts**.

In 1967 the SC General Assembly consolidated the eight individual school districts in Charleston County into the *Unified Charleston County School District*. The eight individual districts, now called *Constituent School Districts*, remain in existence under the umbrella of the CCSD with the authority to control certain aspects of the running of their individual districts.

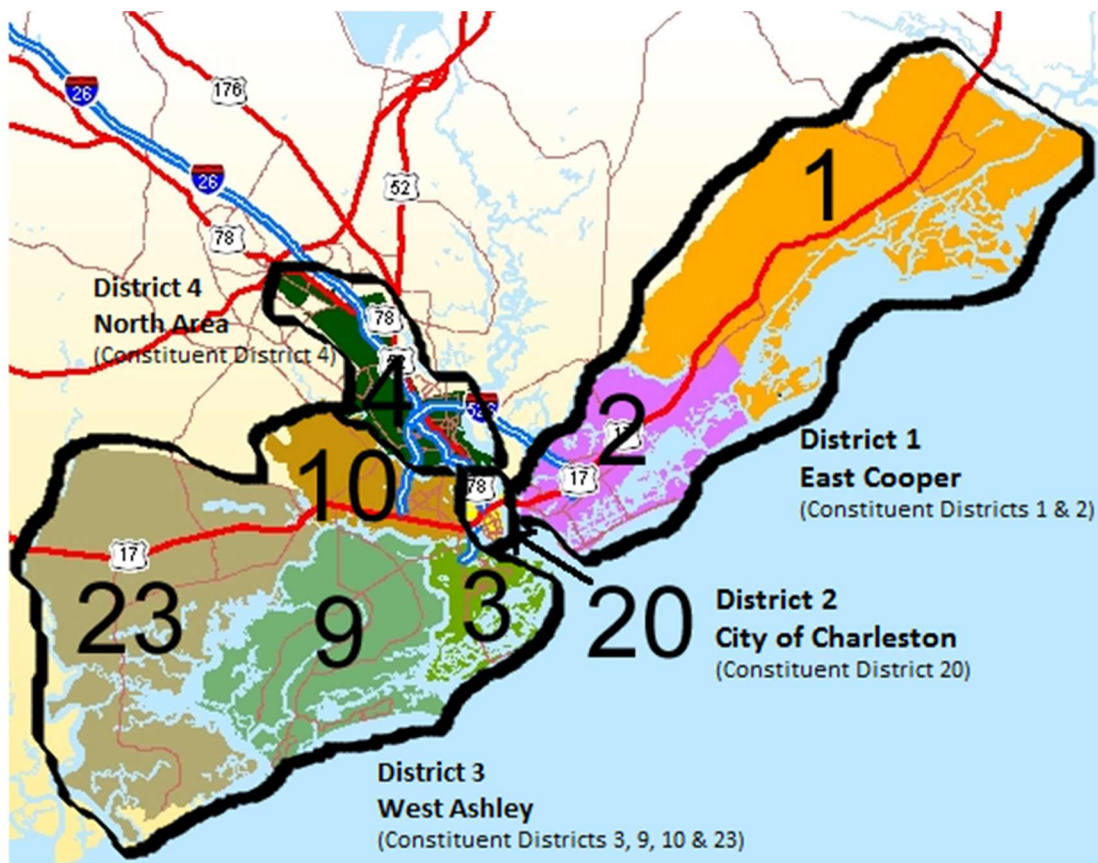
The *Unified Charleston County School District* is comprised of four consolidated districts. Charleston County School Board members are chosen from the district in which they live but are elected to represent the entire county.

The public also elects Constituent School District representatives who represent the specific schools in area in which they live.

More information on the Consolidated Charleston County School Board and the Charleston County Constituent School Boards follows.

## Consolidated School Districts (1-4) – Outlined in Black

### Constituent School Districts (1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 20, 23) – Color-coded



#### 2018 Consolidated Board Elections

**District 1** – Two member district. One seat open - currently held by Kate Darby, Chair.

**District 2** – One member district. Seat not open until 2020.

**District 3** – Three member district. One seat open - currently held by Eric Mack, Vice Chair

**District 4** – Three member district. One seat open - currently held by Cindy Bohn Coats.

More information can be found on the CCSD Web Site: <http://www.ccsdschools.com>

# Charleston County School Board Members and Terms

## Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait, Ed.D.



Hired: July 8, 2015.

843-937-6571

### **Serves as the Executive Secretary for the Board of Trustees**

Prior to joining CCSD, she was president of the S.C. Board of Education, member of the governing board of the American Association of School Administrators and named South Carolina's Superintendent of the Year for her work in Horry County.

## Consolidated School Board of Trustees Members – Elected Positions



### **Mrs. Kate Darby – District 1, East of the Cooper Chair**

245 Indigo Bay Circle  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 566-6123 (cell)  
kate\_darby@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Director of Administration  
*Term expires: 11/2018 – Has held office since 11/2014*

**SEAT OPEN FOR  
ELECTION IN 2018**



### **Rev. Dr. Eric Mack – District 3, West Ashley Vice Chair**

75 Calhoun Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
697-1447 (cell)  
eric\_mack@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Pastor/Business Owner  
*Term expires: 11/2018 – Has held office since 11/2014*

**SEAT OPEN FOR  
ELECTION IN 2018**



### **Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – District 4, North Area**

4458 South Rhett Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 819-8205 (cell)  
cindy\_bohn-coats@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Business Specialist  
*Term expires: 11/2018 – Has held office since 2014*

**SEAT OPEN FOR  
ELECTION IN 2018**





**Rev. Chris Collins – District 4, North Area**

75 Calhoun Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 813-0616 (cell)  
[chris\\_collins@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:chris_collins@charleston.k12.sc.us)  
Pastor/Business Owner  
*Term expires: 11/2020 – Has held office since 11/2008*



**Mr. Todd Garrett – District 2, City of Charleston**

1315 Ashley River Road  
Charleston, SC 29407  
(843) 408-8846 (cell)  
[todd\\_garrett@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:todd_garrett@charleston.k12.sc.us)  
Commercial Realtor  
*Term expires: 11/2020 – Has held office since 2012*



**Mr. Kevin Hollinshead – District 4, North Area**

3783 Meeting Street  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 330-9913  
[kevin\\_hollinshead@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:kevin_hollinshead@charleston.k12.sc.us)  
*Term expires: 11/2020 – Has held office since 2016*



**Ms. Priscilla Jeffery**

75 Calhoun Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 937-6316  
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*Term expires: 11/2020 – Has held office since 2016*



**Mr. Michael Miller – District 3, West Ashley**

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Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 991-1969 (cell)  
[michael\\_miller@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:michael_miller@charleston.k12.sc.us)  
Business Owner  
*Term expires: 11/2020 – Has held office since 11/2012*



**Mr. Chris Staubes – District 1, East of the Cooper**

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Charleston, SC 29401  
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Attorney  
*Term expires: 11/2018 – Has held office since 11/2014*

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ELECTION IN 2018**

## Are YOU interested in serving on the Charleston County Consolidated or Constituent School Board?

*“Only we – individually and collectively – can transform our nation’s priorities and assure its future . . . Run for political office, especially school boards. Those with a special commitment to children and families and the needy have a special role to play in public life.”*

*Marian Wright Edelman, The Measure of Our Success*

### Attend a CCSD Board Meeting to Learn More

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The regular called Charleston County School District Board of Trustees meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun. All meetings are open to the public. Citizens who wish to address the Board may do so by signing in prior to the start of the Board meeting at 5:15 p.m.

### Board Member Salaries

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School Board and Constituent School Board members do not receive a salary. The nine CCSD Board members receive a per diem of \$25 per scheduled Board meeting.

### What Does a Board Member Do?

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Individually, you as a CCSD Board Member will have no authority. You will have legal power only when you sit with the Board in a public meeting.

**The CCSD Board has four principal roles:**

1. Planning for the district’s future.
2. Operating according to sound policies and budgeting procedures.
3. Ensuring accountability for student and staff performance and for district resources.
4. Advocating for the children in Charleston County public schools.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the Board, you will be expected to serve on one – or more – committees. CCSD is implementing a new meeting schedule format beginning in January 2016. Board Committees will meet on the second Monday of each month in back-to-back meetings throughout the course of the day.

- [Audit and Finance Committee](#)
- [Health Advisory Committee](#)
- [Policy and Personnel](#)
- [Strategic Education Committee](#)
- [Transportation](#)

To learn more about CCSD Committees, visit:

[www.ccsdschools.com/Board\\_of\\_Trustees/Committees.php](http://www.ccsdschools.com/Board_of_Trustees/Committees.php)

## Who Can Run for the CCSD Board?

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As a candidate, you must comply with all election and election day procedures. Charleston County provides complete information on running for office on its web site on the page entitled **Candidate's Corner**. <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/bevr/candidates.php>

### Before you get started, you must:

- Be a registered voter.
- Live in the district where you intend to run. *I.e., to run for a seat in District One, you must live in that area. You will be elected by and represent the entire Charleston County School District.*
- Call the Charleston County Election Board to discuss your plans and your eligibility to run for office. **See page 19 for full contact and address information.**
- Not be an employee of the Charleston County School District.
- Be at least 18 years of age as of the next general election.
- Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent nor serving a term of prison resulting from a conviction of a crime.
- If convicted of a felony or election law offense, you must have served the entire sentence including probation and parole or have been legally pardoned. **You may not hold elective public office until 15 years after serving your complete sentence, probation and parole.**
- Understand that you may hold only ONE elected office. *You must not violate the SC Constitution's restrictions on dual office holding.*

## Method of Board Member Selection for the Consolidated Districts

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The **CCSD Board** consists of nine members elected to four-year terms. They serve by four specific geographic area (indicated on map on page 2.)

In 2018, Non-Partisan Petition Filing Dates and the Statement of Candidacy Filing dates will be from mid-April through mid-July. **There is NO FILING FEE for school board elections.**

**Detailed information on becoming a candidate for the school board is on the [website](http://vote.charlestoncounty.org/) (<http://vote.charlestoncounty.org/>) and will also be published in the local newspapers.**

**The elections are non-partisan.** To run for school board, a candidate must file for the office and obtain 250 signatures from REGISTERED voters in his/her district and another 250 signatures from REGISTERED voters in Charleston County.

According to the Charleston County Elections Commission, it is important to obtain more than the 500 required signatures since people will often sign a petition and not be (a) registered to vote, (b) not be residents from candidate's district or (c) residents of the county.

Petitions with less than **500 VALID** signatures will be rejected. The Elections Commission suggests obtaining at least 700, but even petitions with that many have been rejected.

**Candidates running for re-election must follow the same procedures.**



# What to Expect When Running for Charleston County School Board

*Courtesy of Sarah Shad Johnson – Past Candidate for CCSD Board*

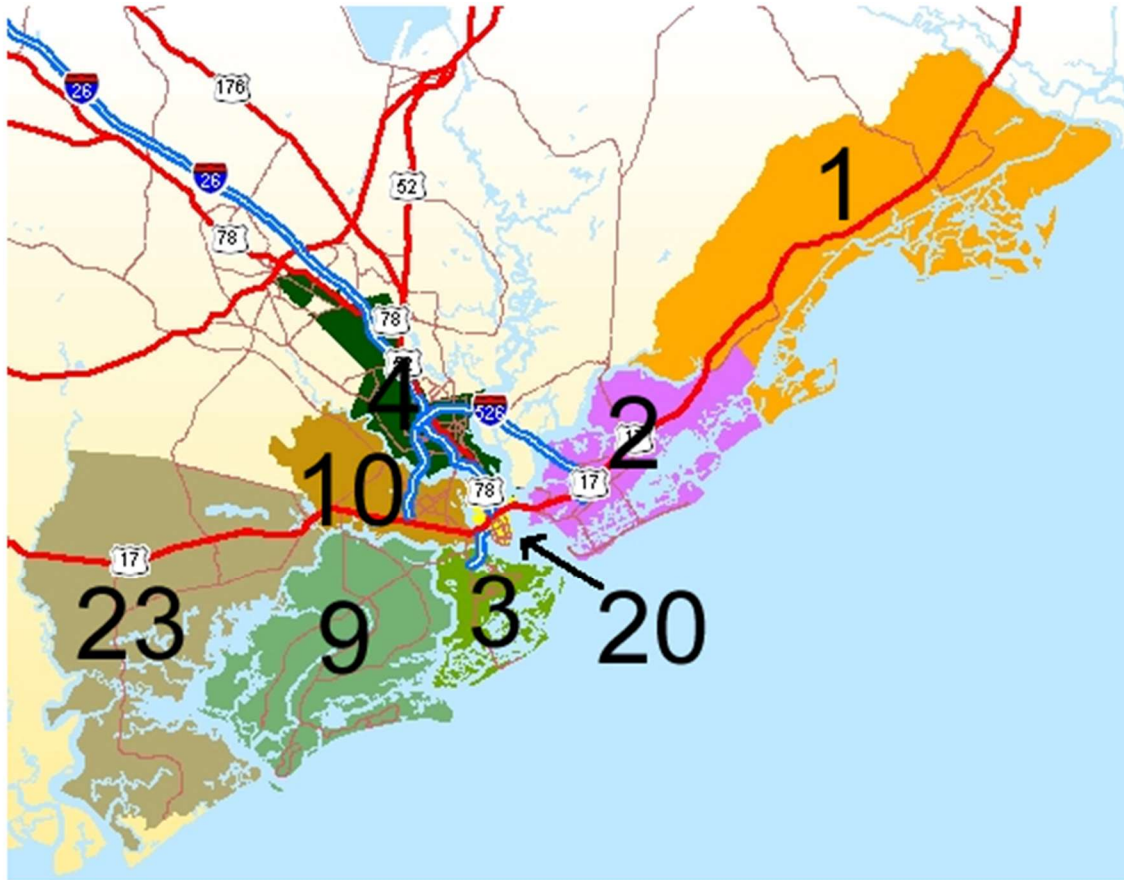
- Gathering 500 valid signatures for your nominating petition requires a lot of time and effort. Some candidates start the process several months before filing. Tips:
  - ✓ 1) Bring petition signature pages to large events.
  - ✓ 2) Ask volunteers to help obtain signatures on your behalf.
  - ✓ 3) Verify signatures online at the [Charleston County Board of Elections & Voter Registration](#).

## **You will need the signee's name and date of birth to verify.**

- When you run for a school board position, you are required to file a series of state ethics reports on campaign spending, even if you do not receive or spend any money. For more information, see the [SC State Ethic Commission's online site](#). (<http://ethics.sc.gov>)
- Running for office is often more time consuming than the position itself. Be prepared for a busy three months of giving speeches and answering questions at forums, during interviews, through the mail, on the phone, online and in person.
- To catch up on relevant school issues, consider attending school board meetings, committee meetings, school fairs, and any other school sponsored event. This will help you be well-prepared for forum questions.
- Partisan groups want to hear from all school board candidates, and local Republican and Democratic groups will usually allow you to speak briefly at their meetings. Don't wait for them to call you. Take the initiative.
- Political signs are expensive, but help get your name out. If you decide to use them, ask volunteers to distribute them throughout the county. Be mindful of restrictions by the different municipalities. For example, the Town of Mt. Pleasant does not allow political signs unless they are on private property and not in the right of way.
- Business cards are a very handy and inexpensive way to promote yourself. [Vistaprint.com](#) has reasonable prices.
- A Facebook page is free and will give you lots of exposure. Keep your page updated by posting often.

## CHARLESTON COUNTY CONSITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There are 8 Constituent Board districts in Charleston County. Five districts have 7 member boards and 3 districts have 5 member boards for a total of 50 elected Constituent School Board members in the county.



### 2018 Elections

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| ● <u>Constituent District 1</u> : St. James-Santee | 7 member district – 4 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 2</u> : Moultrie         | 5 member district – 2 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 3</u> : James Island     | 5 member district – 3 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 4</u> : North Charleston | 7 member district – 3 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 9</u> : St. John's       | 7 member district – 4 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 10</u> : St. Andrew's    | 5 member district – 3 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 20</u> : Peninsula       | 7 member district – 4 seats open |
| ● <u>Constituent District 23</u> : St. Paul's      | 7 member district – 3 seats open |

## Constituent District 1 – St. James/Santee Board of Trustees Members & Terms

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### **Chair, Mr. Thomas L. Colleton, Jr.**

(843) 887-3886 (home)  
1250 Tibwin Road  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Thomas\_Colleton@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### **Vice Chair, Ms. Erma Harrell**

(843) 887-3229 (home)  
8493 Old Georgetown Road  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Erma\_Harrell@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### **Mr. Joseph K. Bowers, III**

665 Coleman Boulevard  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464  
Joseph\_Bowers@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### **Ms. Cynthia Diane Geathers**

(843) 887-3860 (home)  
P.O. Box 543  
426 Society Road  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Cynthia\_Geathers@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### **Ms. Juanita Middleton**

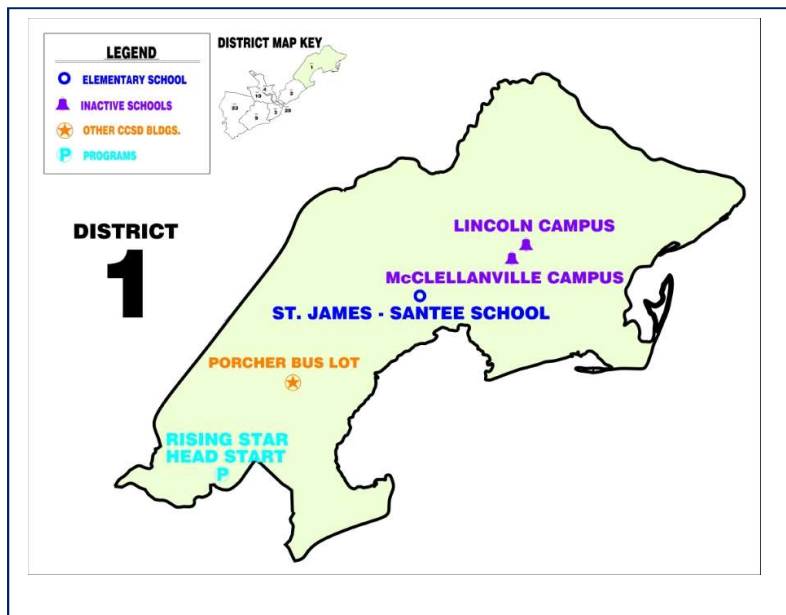
(843) 209-7857 (cell)  
P.O. Box 489  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Juanita\_Middleton@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### **Ms. Shonna Weathers**

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8667 Hwy. 17 North  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Shonna\_Weathers@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### **Rev. Derrick Wilson**

(843) 887-3109 (home)  
P.O. Box 802  
McClellanville, SC 29458  
Derrick\_Wilson@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018



## Constituent District 2 - Moultrie Board of Trustees Members & Terms

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### Chair, Ms. Sarah S. Johnson

Unincorporated Area  
(803) 920-4058 (cell)  
SarahS\_Johnson@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### Vice Chair, Mr. Roger O'Sullivan

At Large Area  
(704) 547-4011 (cell)  
1551 Ben Sawyer Blvd.  
Bldg. 1 Unit I  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464  
Roger\_Osullivan@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### Mrs. Marty Belk

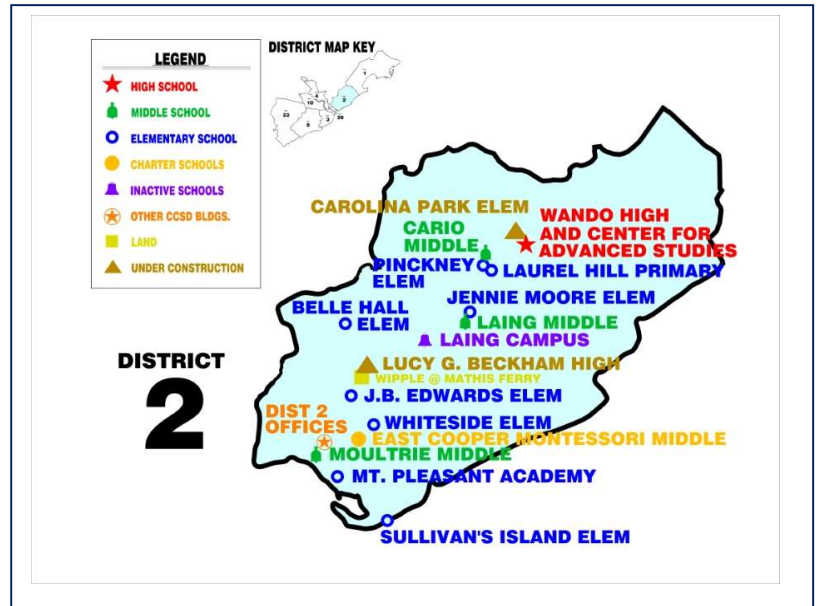
Isle of Palms Area  
(843) 886-2808 (home)  
34 Twin Oaks Lane  
Isle of Palms, SC 29451  
Marty\_Belk@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### Ms. Kathryn Smith

Sullivan's Island Area  
(843) 330-6733 (cell)  
2724 Jasper Boulevard  
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482  
KathrynB\_Smith@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020

### Mr. Chris Nickels

Town of Mount Pleasant Area  
(843) 224-2406 (cell)  
Chris\_Nickels@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018



## Constituent District 3 – James Island Board of Trustees Members

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### Chair, Ms. Rhonda Walters

(843) 762-1496 (home)  
1661 Old Military Road  
Charleston, SC 29412  
Rhonda\_Walters@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### Vice Chair, Mr. Adam Kraemer

(843) 606-0447 (cell)  
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Charleston, SC 29412  
Adam\_Kraemer@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### Ms. Donna Jenkins

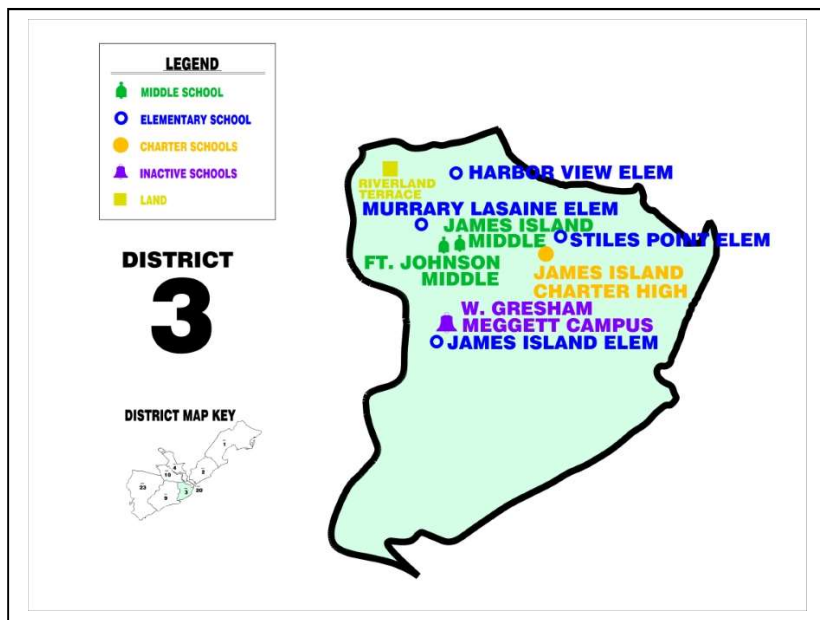
(843) 795-6717 (home)  
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Charleston, SC 29412  
Donna\_Jenkins@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2018

### Ms. Susan McManus

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Term expires: 11/2020

### Dr. George Tempel

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758 Sprague Street  
Charleston, SC 29412  
George\_Tempel@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 11/2020





## Constituent District 4 – North Charleston Board of Trustees Members & Terms

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### **Chair, Mr. Michael Garnett (Area I)**

(843) 568-6965 (home)  
(843) 740-2800 (work)  
5612 Attaway Avenue, Lot 15  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
Michael\_Garnett@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2020

### **Vice Chair, Mr. Charles Monteith (Area III)**

(843) 814-7482 (home)  
8365 Waltham Road  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
Charles\_Monteith@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2018

### **Ms. Andrea Bailey Erb (Member At-Large)**

(843) 209-2426 (cell)  
2012 Sylvia Street  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
Andrea\_Baileyerb@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2020

### **Ms. Lala Fyall (Area III)**

(843) 552-7056 (home)  
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Term Expires: 11/2020

### **Ms. Ivy Patterson (Area I)**

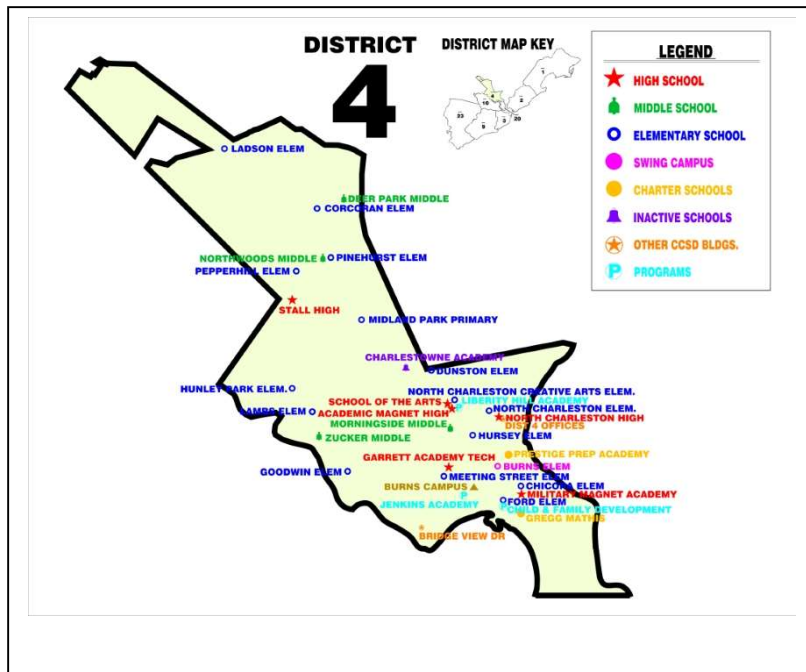
(843) 609-0991 (cell)  
(843) 763-0258 (work)  
4716 Colie Morse Lane  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
Ivy\_Patterson@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2018

### **Ms. Edwina Peterson (Area II)**

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(843) 822-1182 (cell)  
(843) 740-5802 (work)  
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North Charleston, SC 29418  
Edwina\_Peterson@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2018

### **Ms. Janna Wilson (Area II)**

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(843) 209-4743 (cell)  
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5306 Alvie Street  
North Charleston, SC 29418  
Janna\_Wilson@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term Expires: 11/2020



## Constituent District 9 – St. John’s Board of Trustees Members & Terms

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### **Chair, Andrea Casey**

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Charleston, SC 29417  
Andrea\_Casey@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2018

### **Vice Chair, Monica Smith**

(843) 670-0922 (mobile)  
1725 Etheridge Road  
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487  
Monica\_Smith@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2018

### **Renea B. Bligen**

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2535 Gibbs Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455  
Renea\_Bligen@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2018

### **Pat Cline**

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1035 Leonard Drive  
Johns Island, SC 29455  
Pat\_Cline@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2020

### **Cheryl Glover**

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**Johns Island, SC 29455**  
Cheryl\_Glover@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2020

### **Jean Howard**

(260) 615-4256 (mobile)  
1492 Coles Drive  
Johns Island, SC 29455  
Jean\_Howard@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2020

### **Dr. Karen Simmons**

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3194 Plowground Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455  
Karen\_Simmons@charleston.k12.sc.us  
Term expires: 2018



## Constituent District 10 – St. Andrews Board of Trustees Members

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### **Chair, Mr. Rodney Lewis**

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Term expires: 11/2018

### **Vice Chair, Mr. Henry de Saussure Copeland**

(843) 817-1484 (cell)

Henry\_Copeland@charleston.k12.sc.us

Term expires: 11/2018

### **Secretary, Ms. Cynthia V. Anderson**

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Term expires: 11/2020

### **Mr. David Childress**

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Term expires: 11/2018

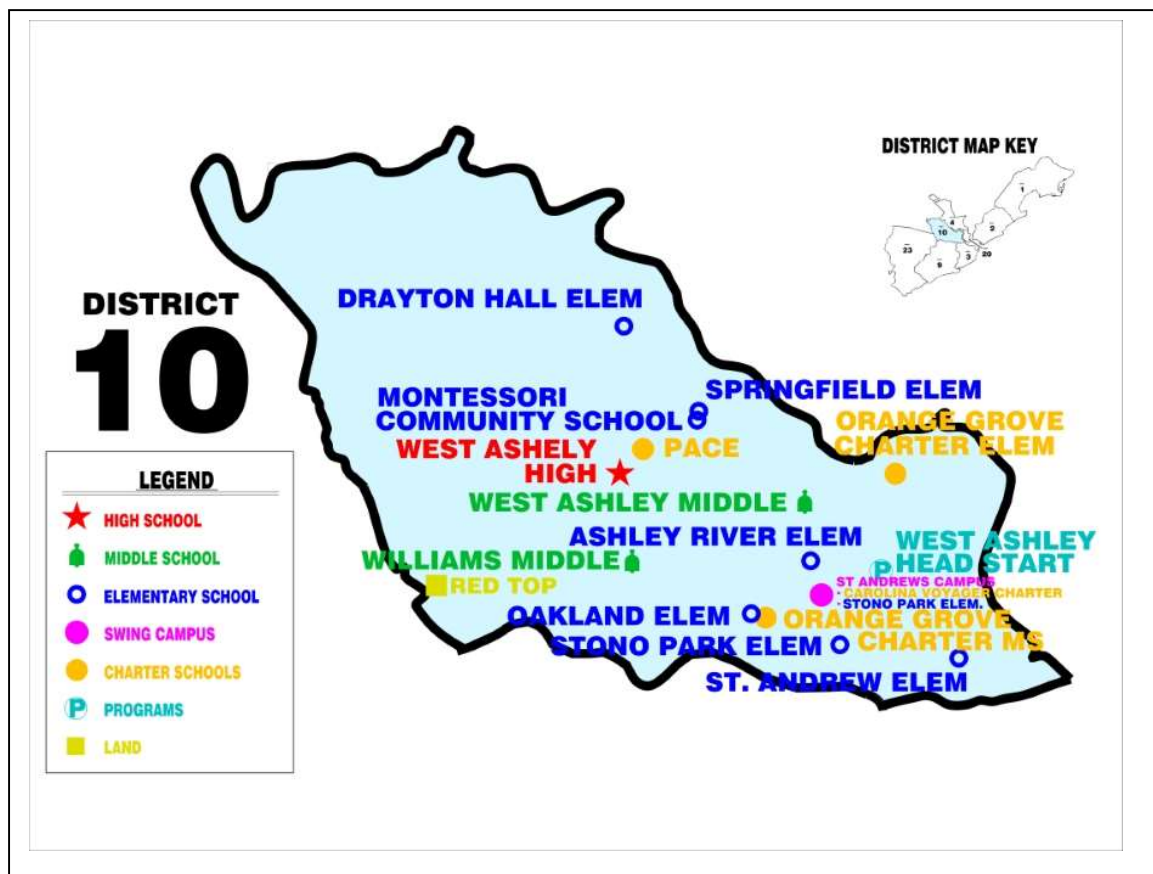
### **Ms. Jennifer J. Osteen**

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(843) 209-7010 (cell)

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Term expires: 11/2020



## Constituent District 20 - Peninsula Board of Trustees Members & Terms

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**Chair, Mrs. Downing Child**

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Term expires: 2020

**Vice Chair, Mrs. Diana Yarborough**

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Term expires: 2018

**Mrs. Loquita Bryant-Jenkins**

(843) 926-0584

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Term expires: 2020

**Mr. Francis Clasby**

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Term expires: 2020

**Mr. Christopher Ellis**

(843) 345-2382

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Term expires: 2018

**Dr. Barbara G. Holmes**

(843) 822-4934

Barbara\_Holmes@charleston.k12.sc.us

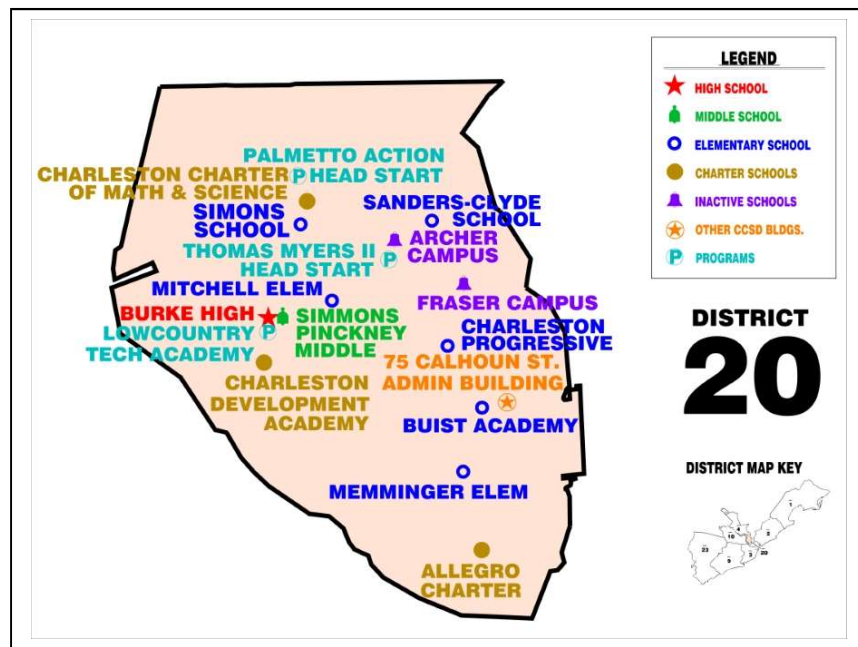
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**Mr. Tony E. Lewis**

(843) 735-1725

Tony\_Lewis@charleston.k12.sc.us

Term expires: 2018



## Constituent District 23 – St. Paul's Board of Trustees & Terms

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### **Chair, Mr. LeRoy Seabrook**

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Hollywood, SC 29449

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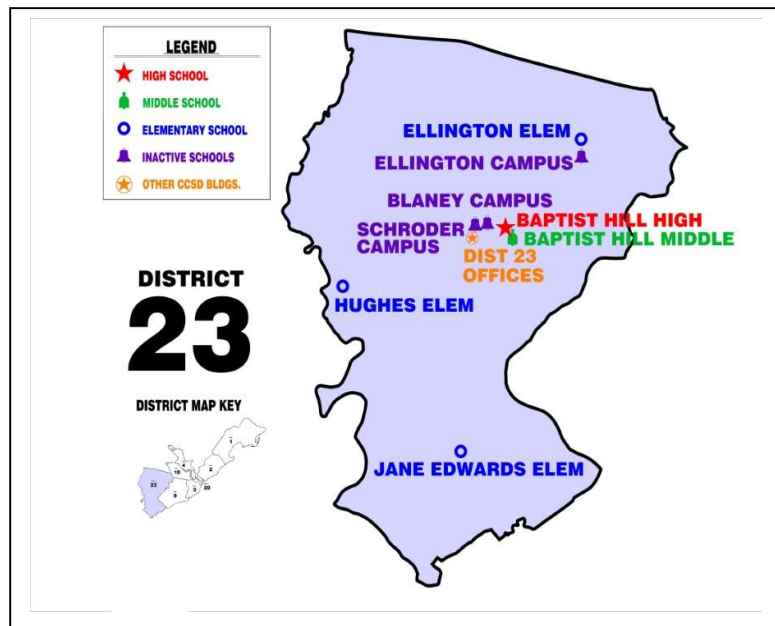
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## Constituent Board Member Salaries

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Constituent School Board members do not receive a salary; they do receive \$25 per meeting.

## What Does the Constituent Board Do?

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- Handles discipline cases as referred from schools in your elected area.
- Determines school attendance lines.
- Handles transfer requests.

School Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait has indicated a willingness to expand the responsibilities and authority of the Constituent Boards. The state legislature would have to approve any changes to Consolidated Board/Constituent Board responsibilities.

While the powers of the Constituent Boards have been reduced over the years, the remaining responsibilities are significant. School discipline is a pressing concern to the entire community, and attendance lines and transfers are very important to parents of school aged children.

### Information Shared from a Constituent Board Member:

- **Meetings are held once a month.**
- **Special meetings are often called – especially on discipline issues.**
- **Each Constituent District operates differently – a goal should be to “get everyone on the same page.”**
- **Members are invited to school performances – try to attend them all.**
- **School visits should be scheduled not to “monitor” teachers or administration but to learn more about each school and its strengths, weaknesses and needs.**
- **Rezoning will be held in 2017.**
- **Expect calls from parents, teachers, and school officials.**
- **There have been conflicts with the Consolidated Board; hoping for a better working relationship going forward.**

## Method of Board Member Selection for the Constituent School Boards

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Constituent Boards serve one of the 8 geographic areas (indicated on map.) In 2018, The Non-Partisan Filing of the Statement of Candidacy will run from mid-April through mid-August of the election year. **There is NO FILING FEE for constituent school board elections.**

**The elections are non-partisan.** To run for constituent school board, a candidate must file the Statement of Candidacy for the office. There is no charge and petitions are not required. Many constituent board seats run unopposed or have NO candidates. If there are no candidates for an open seat, the write-in candidate with the most votes (even if it is one vote) will win. When there are no candidates or write-ins, a board member will be appointed.

**Before you get started, you must:**

- Be a registered voter.
- Live in the school district where you intend to run unless you are running for an at-large seat. . *I.e., to run for a constituent seat in District One, you must live in that area **AND** in the specified school attendance lines for the open seat.*
- Call the Charleston County Election Board to discuss your plans and your eligibility to run for office. Constituent election areas within the specified districts are confusing. The Election Board will research your address to determine your eligibility.
- Be at least 18 years of age as of the next general election.
- Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent nor serving a term of prison resulting from a conviction of a crime.
- Not have been convicted of a felony or offense against election laws. If convicted, you must have served the entire sentence, including probation and parole or have been legally pardoned. You may not hold elective public office until 15 years after serving your complete sentence, probation and parole. If you are confused about this condition of eligibility, call the Charleston County Election Board.
- Understand that you may hold only ONE elected office. *You must not violate the SC Constitution's restrictions on dual office holding.*

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**More information and links to county election commissions can be found at [www.SCVotes.org](http://www.SCVotes.org).**

**Another great resource: South Carolina School Boards Association**  
**[www.scsba.org](http://www.scsba.org) 800-326-3679**

# Current Information from the web site of the Charleston County School District

## From the Superintendent's 2017-2018 First Quarter Report (July, August, September)

### Goals

**STRATEGY 1: Provide learning experiences that allow every student to master essential academic content and skills to be career, college, and citizenship ready.**

GOALS:	STATUS:
1. Phonics Pilot	Launched program in 13 schools, initial training for teachers and administrators, school/classroom visits at all sites.
2. Numeracy Curriculum Pilot and Math Training	Launched program in 11 schools, initial training for teachers and administrators, school/classroom visits at all sites, online collaboration across schools initiated. 231 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers participated in first 2 days of multiplicative training and day 3 and 4 training is underway.
3. Blended Learning and Adaptive Digital Content	Launched adaptive digital content in ELA and Math for all schools and students, K-12; provided initial training for teachers; conducting site-based technology and instructional support.
4. Early Childhood	Expanded Early Learning Offerings by: opening an additional 4-year-old Child Development classroom at Angel Oak Elementary School; opening a 3-year-old fee-based Pre-K classroom at Angel Oak Elementary; opening two Early Head Start (0-3 years) classrooms at Minnie Hughes Elementary School. Completed August 2017 Piloted "World of Wonders" (comprehensive literacy focus) in targeted schools. Ongoing July 2017-June 2018.

## Explanation of Board Legal Status State Law and Community

### Policy BB Board Legal Status and Job Description

Issued 1/17

Purpose: To establish the legal foundation for board operations.

The legally constituted governing body of the school district is the board of trustees of the Charleston County School District.

The board's powers are derived from the state constitution and acts of the general assembly, primarily set forth in [Title 59 of the South Carolina Code of Laws](#). Consequently, the board may perform only those acts for which some authority exists. This authority may be expressly stated or implied either in state law or in rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. The board's authority to exercise permissive powers within the framework of state laws and regulations allows for freedom of action.

While the board is responsible to the State Board of Education, it is, by law and tradition, responsible to the community it serves and represents. It is, therefore, the duty of the board to carry out the will of the community in matters of public education within the boundaries set by the laws and regulations of the state of South Carolina and Charleston County, and tempered by the knowledge and judgement of the members of the board.

The board is composed of nine members whose term of office shall be four years and shall commence after election, one week from the date on which those election results have been certified. The term of the incumbent and that of the incoming member shall overlap as required by law. Elected officers of the state and its subdivisions shall be qualified electors and may not engage in dual office-holding. The law also prohibits from serving any person convicted of a felony under state or federal law or of other crimes related to elections and voting.

All powers of the board lie in its action as a body. Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school affairs, nor may they bind the district in any way.

Adopted 8/11/86; Revised 12/8/86, 11/11/91, 7/26/04, 1/23/17

### K - SCHOOL-COMMUNITY-HOME RELATIONS

#### Policy KA School-Parent-Community Relations/Goals/Priority Objectives

Issued 1/06

Purpose: To establish the board's vision for school-parent-community relations.

The superintendent shall regularly engage public involvement from all segments of the community in accomplishing the district strategic plan, so as to accomplish the following.

- create a community intelligently informed about the objectives, achievements, needs and conditions of the school system
- seek periodic public comment on the plan
- encourage effective partnerships with, and involvement in, schools among parents/legal guardians, community volunteers and mentors, businesses and faith-based organizations
- encourage and support participation and involvement of parents/legal guardians and families in the educational experiences of their children
- operate schools, offices and programs so as to be family-friendly and welcoming and which serve families with effective school-to-home and home-to-school communications about school programs and student progress which emphasize the value of an education and the importance of high expectations
- operate parent resource rooms, parenting and child development classes, home visitation opportunities and adult education
- operate programs for non-English speaking parents/legal guardians to promote their participation in their child's education
- provide regulations which comply with the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Amendments of 1990 ([PL 101-392](#))
- recognize individuals and firms which contribute to effective partnerships with schools
- recognize schools with exemplary parental involvement

Adopted 1/18/71; Revised 8/13/79, 3/11/85, 8/25/86, 1/23/06

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