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Christy Junkins promoted to Deputy Superintendent of Accountability

SPARTANBURG, SC --- Spartanburg native Christy Junkins has recently been promoted to Deputy Superintendent of Accountability at the Charter Institute at Erskine, a statewide charter school district.

Since first joining the Charter Institute at Erskine (the Institute) in 2019 as the Executive Director of School Support, Junkins has provided support to the Institute's 26 charter schools in various areas relating to school accountability. Junkins initiated trainings, analyzed school assessment data, and oversaw the creation of the Institute's one-of-a-kind accountability system, the Comprehensive School Snapshot.

Junkins was then promoted to Chief of Accountability and Authorization in 2021, where she served as a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet to assist in the implementation of district-wide initiatives and plans. Additionally, she served as the district's Read to Succeed liaison, trained mentors to assist first-year teachers, and served as the SCASA Virtual Roundtable Chair, among other responsibilities.

"It is hard to put into words exactly how much Ms. Junkins has impacted the Institute," said Cameron Runyan, Superintendent of the Institute. "Not only is she an asset to the Accountability department, but she also has a proven track record of providing outstanding support to our school leaders."

As the Deputy Superintendent of Accountability, Junkins will oversee the Accountability and PowerSchool departments at the Institute. She will also work to increase the operational capacity of the organization and local school boards.

"I cannot wait to get started as the Deputy Superintendent of Accountability," said Junkins. "The Institute has truly become a family to me, and I'm excited for this new opportunity."

Prior to joining the Institute, Junkins served as the Elementary School Principal and then School Leader at High Point Academy, a K-12 charter school located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Junkins' leadership at High Point led to an increase in test scores, teacher retention, and the financial health of the school. Junkins has also previously taught in Spartanburg County School Districts 1, 3, and 7, Cherokee County, and Portsmouth City Schools.

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 $\textit{Christy Junkins, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability at the Charter Institute \ at \ \textit{Erskine}.}$