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PCSASC Executive Director Announces Resignation

With mixed emotions, the Board of Directors announces the resignation of Carol Aust as Executive Director of the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina. Over the past 11 years, the last four as the Executive Director, Carol has been instrumental in many new initiatives for South Carolina's charter schools. Her dedication and passion for bringing quality school choices through innovative charter schools will leave a permanent legacy on our state's charter community. While we will miss her and her vision, we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. We want to thank her for her years of service to advance our mission.

"We can't thank Carol enough for her tireless efforts and dedication. Her commitment has strengthened the foundation of this organization that will help sustain our work for years to come," said Tim Thorn, President, PCSASC Board of Directors. "Her leadership helped bring significant accomplishments to the charter school movement all over our state. We wish her all the best in her future role."

Carol will be greatly missed by the staff, board, volunteers, and all our supporters. She will remain on staff over the next several weeks as we work through this transition. Her last day with PCSASC is February 28th, 2022.

"For nearly 12 years, it has been an honor and a privilege to work with the Alliance to help advance charter schools in their purpose of educating students," said Carol Aust, Executive Director, PCSASC. While it's bittersweet, I'm excited to have an opportunity that will keep me working in the charter school community to continue advocating and improving charter schools and their operations in South Carolina."

We are excited for the next chapter of the Public Charter School Alliance of SC as we continue the vital work of focusing on transforming public education and advancing the missions of public charter schools across the Palmetto State. We are delighted to announce Kevin Mason as the interim Executive Director. If you have any questions or concerns during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out directly at kevin.mason@sccharterschools.org.

The Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina (PCSASC) is a nonprofit membership and professional organization that inspires innovative, high-quality public education choices through our state's charter schools. Founded in 2001, the Alliance is dedicated to supporting SC's thriving public charter schools. Our work focuses on critical resources and powerful new ways to advocate for public charter schools throughout the Palmetto State. The PCSASC offers a wide range of programs and services to strengthen charter leaders, teachers, and supporters by believing that all students deserve access to a high-quality public school.

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