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South Carolina School District Receives National Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – December 1, 2022 — Richland County School District Two in Columbia, SC., was awarded the William L. Hunter Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award by the American Association of School Personnel Administrators for 2021-2022. The announcement came on October 11, 2022 at AASPA's Annual Conference.

Serving nearly 30,000 students, Richland County School District Two is committed to creating, sustaining and investing in a culture and environment of excellence and where all are afforded the opportunity to maximize their gifts and talents as they pursue their pathways to purpose. While the district is above the national average at six percent of minority male educators in the district, Richland Two continues to work to not only recruit, but to develop and retain this important class of educators through their Premier 100 program.

"AASPA's strength lies in its network and community of educators who volunteer their talents and resources to the association and their districts. To get to honor these leaders every year for all they do is an important part of AASPA's vision to inspire and engage all stakeholders" said AASPA Executive Director, Kelly Coash-Johnson.

The William L. Hunter Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award gives recognition to school districts making outstanding contributions through the implementation of innovative and comprehensive teacher development programs primarily focused upon strategies designed to increase the number of teachers of color in school districts. This award is given in honor of William L. Hunter, who served as AASPA's Region 2 Representative. Please note nominations for this award require use of nomination and supplemental forms along with three letters of reference. For more information, please visit www.aaspa.org/awards-and-recognitions-.

The American Association of School Personnel Administrators is an international organization that provides leadership in promoting effective human resource practices within education. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., AASPA holds an annual conference in October and various regional professional development opportunities throughout the year in addition to providing other valuable benefits to its 3,000+ members. More information about AASPA can be found at www.aaspa.org.

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