

Public Education Has Been the Story of My Life

By: Carol Tempel

Long before I served on the Charleston County School Board, public education shaped who I am.

I was the first in my family to attend college, with education opening up doors I never imagined. That experience led to a career spent in Charleston County public schools—as a teacher, curriculum specialist, assistant principal, and principal.

As a parent, I know our schools from another important perspective. My children attended James Island schools, and my husband, George, and I became involved in the life of their schools and our community. Over the years, we served on PTAs, School Improvement Councils, and Constituent Boards and worked alongside parents, teachers, students, and community members to improve our neighborhood schools.

Those experiences taught me that strong schools are built through relationships. They depend on talented educators, involved families, supportive communities, and leaders willing to listen and learn.

After more than four decades in public education, I still enjoy visiting classrooms, talking with teachers and families, and celebrating students' accomplishments.

For me, public education has never simply been a career. It has been a lifelong commitment to ensuring that every child has access to an excellent public education.



George and Carol Tempel.

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Experienced. Engaged. Focused on Students.

DURING MY FIRST TERM, I HAVE:

- Supported competitive compensation for teachers and staff.
- Supported early childhood education, including new centers serving District 9.
- Directed resources to students with greater academic and educational needs.
- Monitored student achievement and district progress.
- Strengthened accountability through a comprehensive superintendent evaluation.
- Listened to our community through school visits, meetings, town halls, and conversations with families, educators, and students.

A LIFETIME IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

I have served Charleston County schools as a parent, teacher, curriculum specialist, assistant principal, principal, constituent board chair, School Improvement Council member, and now School Board Trustee.

These experiences continue to guide the questions I ask, the decisions I make, and my commitment to keeping students at the center of the School Board's work.

*High-quality public schools
strengthen our students,
our communities, and our future.*

With another school year underway, the fall campaign season has begun. I am running for re-election as your Charleston County School District Trustee for District 9.

It is an honor to represent the students, families, educators, and communities of James Island, Folly Beach, Kiawah, Seabrook, parts of Johns Island, and the Charleston peninsula.

*Our Community.
Our Schools. Their Tomorrow.*