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## **LIBERTY STEAM CHARTER (LSC) EXPANDS ITS LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH NEW HIRE**

During its regular monthly meeting of the Founding Board of Directors, Dr. Latasha Carter from Austin, Texas was unanimously approved to join the Senior Leadership Team as the Founding Director of Advocacy & Engagement. With this new hire, LSC's Senior Leadership Team expands from two to three individuals.

Dr. Carter started her career as an educator in 2008 as an athletic coach for Bastrop Independent School District (BISD) in Texas. Within her 10 years as an employee of "BISD, she served as a mentor, community liaison, and program developer. She is the creator and former director of the BMS College Preparatory Program and Greatness in Girls Leadership Program. She served as a member of the Texas Literacy Initiative (TLI) Committee, the BISD Black History, coordinator, and the Bastrop Community Outreach Team. As an educator, she lived for opportunities to excite students about learning, and realizing their greatness. In 2017, she was awarded the BISD 212 Innovation in Teaching Award. Latasha's passion for education and inspiring youth has been the driving force behind her professional endeavors.

For the last two years, Latasha has served as the Elementary Principal at Wuhan Yangtze International School (WYIS). In her role as a school administrator, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the school. To maintain campus excellence, she focused on educational coaching to create a collaborative and innovative environment that led to dynamic outcomes for her staff. Latasha worked closely with the Leadership Development International (LDI) district school leaders across China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), local Chinese government officials, and families to ensure WYIS students were provided a dynamic educational experience. Her ability to adapt and embrace different cultures while building strong relationships with diverse stakeholders was essential to the success of WYIS. In her last year as principal, she created the first international student leadership camp and student leadership committee. The student leadership initiatives ultimately transformed student behaviors and led to increased academic outcomes for students.

Latasha earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Texas, a master's degree in public administration from Bellevue University, and a doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. In reflecting on her selection, Dr. Carter says, "I am honored to join the leadership team and in helping to fulfill the mission of Liberty STEAM Charter School. Sumter is a beautiful city, and the potential to create life changing outcomes for its students and families as we work to build a school from the ground up is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. I Look forward to connecting with and serving the families of Sumter. "

Dr. Graham, Founding Executive Director, shared the following: "I am extremely pleased to announce that we have found an exceptional leader in Dr. Carter to join our Senior Leadership Team as the Founding Director of Advocacy& Engagement. Throughout the interview and evaluation process, Dr. Carter demonstrated a steadfast commitment to creating tremendous outcomes for students. I am excited about the record of results she brings to the table as we expand our leadership team in executing the vision for Sumter's first public charter school." LSC continues to accept applications on a rolling basis for the next and final two members of its School Leadership Team – Senior Director of Operations and Dean of the Primary Academy Campus.

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