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### WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

Tory Gibson's journey is defined by her love for family and her unwavering passion for making a difference in the lives of children. Her career began in the grocery industry, where she worked her way up from a deli/bakery clerk to deli/bakery manager, and eventually to customer service manager at Bi-Lo. However, her heart led her in a different direction.

In 2011, Tory made the courageous decision to leave her career behind to spend more time with her children. Tory's path then took her to school nutrition, where she discovered her true calling. Starting as an assistant cafeteria manager and later serving as a manager at a high school, Tory thrived in creating an inviting and nourishing environment for students.

As a floating cafeteria manager, she experienced immense excitement in engaging with different schools, bringing fresh ideas to life, and inspiring students to enjoy their meals and their time in the cafeteria. Most recently, as the floating cafeteria manager and district student engagement manager for Horry County Schools, Tory has continued to be a guiding light for both students and staff. Her tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, earning her numerous accolades, including Support Staff of the Year awards in 2012, 2019, and 2022, the School Nutrition Association Cafeteria Manager of the Year for South Carolina in 2018, and most recently, the SC Hunger Hero Award in 2023 and the General Mills Trayblazer Award in 2025.

She is also currently serving as the Southeast Region Representative on the National School Nutrition Association's Resolutions and Bylaws Committee. What truly sets Tory apart, however, is her heartfelt commitment to the children she serves. She views herself as a cheerleader for school nutrition, passionate about making every cafeteria experience special for students.

Whether she is spending cherished moments with her two daughters, son, and grandsons, or inspiring young minds, Tory's compassion and dedication are felt by everyone around her. She continues to lead with love, ensuring that each child receives not just a meal, but a positive and enriching experience.