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Loaned Professional Will Focus on Barnwell School District 45 Wellness

Barnwell, S.C. September 3, 2021 – A Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employee has been selected to serve as a loaned professional to Barnwell School District 45 (BSD45), in partnership with the American Heart Association of the CSRA to enhance district wellness initiatives.

Kristin Huber, an SRNS principal public relations professional with more than 10 years of community engagement experience, will work at BSD45 over the next year to explore new healthy nutrition opportunities.

"Feeding students in Barnwell County is about so much more than healthy food," said American Heart Association Communications and Community Impact Director Brennan Meaghar. "Children that live in rural areas are at a greater risk



for obesity when compared to urban children, yet we also know that children who eat healthy meals do better on tests, have higher rates of attendance, and lower disciplinary issues."

Collaborating with the American Heart Association and mimicking a successful program in Burke County, Ga., Huber will develop grant proposals to expand the district's nutrition and wellness programs, including researching options for a third-meal program for students participating in afterschool enrichment activities.

"I'm excited to partner with the American Heart Association and BSD45 on student success initiatives," Huber said. "Children who receive exceptional nutrition and full caloric support each day are better equipped in the classroom, on the field, and at home. Collaborating with local health organizations to explore healthier choices in schools can set students up for a prosperous future full of possibilities."

Huber, a third-generation Savannah River Site employee, has worked at SRNS since 2013 and oversees the company's community giving program; engages with local stakeholders on SRS missions, and advises employee-giving campaigns.

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"Kristin will be an asset to the district as we expand our nutrition and wellness programs and identify opportunities for growth," said BSD45 Superintendent Crissie Stapleton. "We appreciate the support that SRNS and the Department of Energy have demonstrated in providing services in this effort and the increased partnership with the American Heart Association."

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