

Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community Members:

I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you an outstanding and prosperous New Year! I always want to take time to personally thank all faculty and staff, students, parents and the entire community for your efforts. Gloucester County Public Schools continuously strives for excellence in all that we do. School division updates since my last update in October of 2016 include the following:

Ms. Marissa Spencer (Abingdon Elementary) earned \$1000 for Abingdon Elementary by winning a national drug awareness photo contest (National Family Partnership/Red Ribbon Photo Contest). Also, Gloucester County Public Schools had a very successful STEM Fair on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Page Middle School. I would like to congratulate all of the winners and all participants in the STEM Fair and sincerely thank the sponsors, families and judges for their support. In addition, we have other teachers and students who have received various awards and I want to take this time to also congratulate them on their efforts and accomplishments. I also would like to congratulate Mr. Charles Records and Ms. Anita Parker for being selected to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the School Board (2017) respectively. I also want to sincerely thank Mr. Troy Andersen for all of his efforts and support while serving as Chairman of the School Board.

I encourage you to communicate with us regarding the GHS Master Plan as your input is truly valued. It is the sincerest desire of GCPS to work collaboratively with all community stakeholders in providing the best educational programs and facilities for our students in Gloucester County. Please provide comments on the GHS Master Plan link at gets.gc.k12.va.us or SpeakUp Gloucester at speakupgloucesterva.info.

We are also in the process of conducting a study regarding a combined Schools and County Transportation & Maintenance facility. The School Division is excited about working collaboratively with the County as we build and strengthen relationships between both governing bodies which can be beneficial for years to come. We also would like to inform you that GCPS once again received Platinum Certification as a Green School Division at the Virginia School Boards Association Annual Convention held in Williamsburg, VA this past November.

Finally, we are at the time of year when we will be developing the Division's operating budget for the 2017-2018 school year and I encourage your input and support. It takes all of us working together which makes Gloucester County Public Schools one of the top school divisions in the Commonwealth. In closing, I look forward to continuously working with all community stakeholders and I sincerely thank you for your time.