

## Superintendent's Message

2014-2015 School Year

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On behalf of the Gloucester County School Board, it brings me great pleasure to extend this opening message to the community of Gloucester County. It is indeed an honor to serve in the capacity of Superintendent of Schools, and I look forward to serving the community with 100% fidelity. Our top priority for the upcoming year focuses on improving student academic achievement where all schools meet state benchmarks as prescribed by the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, we will be committed to providing safe and orderly environments conducive to learning.

The summer has been extremely busy in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year. Central office and building level administrators have been in various workshops and trainings regarding strategies to enhance student academic performance. Curriculum writing projects are ongoing and technology upgrades are occurring as the school division is preparing to implement a new laptop initiative. In addition, maintenance repairs are being done at all sites and the construction of the new Page Middle School is progressing as planned and is on schedule for opening in the fall of 2015.

There will be several changes for the upcoming year that foster excitement and opportunities for growth. Mr. Nathan Collins (former Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction for New Kent County Public Schools) will be serving in the capacity of Principal of Gloucester High School. In addition, Mr. Bryan Hartley (former Principal of Peasley Middle School) will be serving in the capacity of Director of Student Services for the school division. We also are still working vigorously to fill all remaining vacancies and will warmly welcome all new staff to the Gloucester County Public Schools family.

Finally, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Education Foundation, the Gloucester County Education Association and join the various parent/teacher associations. These organizations are extremely vital to the school division and provide support in various areas including grants, awards, fundraisers, materials and supplies, equipment and other incentives.

In closing, I look forward to working with all community stakeholders as it is our motto to "Connect, Engage & Inspire" every student every day.