

## Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community Members:

On behalf of the Gloucester County School Board, it brings me great pleasure to extend this opening 2015-16 message to the community of Gloucester County. I want to sincerely thank all students, parents, faculty, staff and community members for an outstanding 2014-15 school year. It is once again an honor and privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools, and I look forward to working together with all stakeholders to move Gloucester County Public Schools to greater heights. Our top priority will continue to be improving student academic achievement where all schools meet state and federal benchmarks and all students consistently receive world-class educational experiences and opportunities.

The summer has been and will continue to be extremely busy in preparation for the 2015-16 school year. Central office, building level administrators and teachers have been in various workshops and trainings regarding best practices and strategies to enhance student academic performance. Curriculum writing projects are ongoing and technology upgrades are continuously occurring. 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. The Human Resources department is working vigorously to fill all vacancies and we will warmly welcome all new and returning staff for the 2015-16 school year.

Unofficial academic results (including the graduation and completion index) from the spring 2015 Standards of Learning assessments show that Gloucester County Public Schools made gains in 29 of 31 reporting categories. Official results will be provided to the community in the early fall. Please take a moment to sincerely thank all of our teachers and staff for the awesome job that they do on a daily basis.

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, thanks so much for your time and I look forward to an outstanding 2015-16 school year!