

## Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community:

Gloucester County Public Schools has gotten off to an outstanding start in the 2018-2019 school year. I want to personally thank all faculty and staff, students, parents and the entire community for your efforts as we continuously strive for excellence in all that we do. To that end, there have been some exciting things happening in the school district that I would like to share with the community at this time.

Academic results from the spring 2018 Standards of Learning Assessments have been officially released and I am proud to report that all eight of our schools once again earned "Full Accreditation" status. As always, we will continue to move forward to even higher levels of academic excellence. Please take time to thank all the teachers and support staff for all that they do for our students and families on a daily basis and please visit the GCPS website homepage under "GCPS Highlights" and click on Virginia's School Quality Profiles for more detailed information on each school and the division. I am also pleased to announce that Gloucester County Public Schools has just received a security grant award from the Virginia Department of Education in the amount of \$66,675. These funds will go towards continuing our security upgrades at our schools.

We have added fifty three (professional and support) new staff members (full-time & part-time) to the Gloucester County Public Schools family for the 2018–2019 school year and we are extremely excited to have them as part of our team. We also have three building level administrative changes which are as follows: Ms. Shantell Brinkley (GHS & regional alternative education assistant principal, formerly an assistant principal at Peasley), Mrs. Rita Garcia (Peasley assistant principal, formerly a teacher at Peasley) and Mr. Adam Neely (GHS assistant principal, new to GCPS and formerly an IB (International Baccalaureate) Coordinator for Hampton City Public Schools).

Finally, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Educational Foundation as plans for the annual 3K Walk/8K Run, which will be held on February 23, 2019 are now underway. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated as the Educational Foundation provides scholarships for students, mini-grants for teachers and sponsors our annual Teacher of the Year program. I also encourage you to join and support the various parent/teacher associations/organizations. All of 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. Your participation, support and involvement is greatly welcomed and appreciated. In closing, I look forward to continuously working with all community stakeholders and I sincerely thank you for your time.