

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 2018 include the following:

Mrs. DeDe Driver (Peasley Middle School) and her students received the Grand Prize award from the Sandy Hook Promise organization for their "Start With Hello Week" kindness initiatives. Achilles Elementary School and Gloucester High School earned the 2018 Purple Star Designation (we are 2 of only 59 schools across the Commonwealth that earned this award) for being military-friendly schools that have demonstrated their commitment to meeting the needs of military-connected children and their families. I would also like to congratulate all of the GCPS fall athletic teams and coaches for their outstanding efforts including the "2018 5A State Champions Gloucester High School Varsity Girls Field Hockey team." 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 want to thank the members of Gloucester County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Mr. Fedors for their support and funding for new playground equipment (will be installed in the upcoming months) for Achilles Elementary School and funding for two school resources officers for our elementary schools as we continue to enhance our safety measures. I also encourage you to continue 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.

Finally, we are at the time of year when we will be developing the Division's operating budget for the 2019-2020 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.