

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 2019-20 message to the community of Gloucester County. I want to sincerely thank all students, parents, faculty, staff and community members for an outstanding 2018-19 school year. As always, 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 2019-20 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 and maintenance repairs are also ongoing throughout the district. The Human Resources department is working vigorously to fill all vacancies and we are excited about all new and returning staff for the 2019-20 school year. We will provide an update of new personnel to GCPs later this summer.

As we move into the 2019-20 school year, the planning phase for the maintenance and renovations of Gloucester High School will be a top priority. We will definitely keep the community informed along the way and we plan to work diligently with the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator to do what is in the best interest for the students of Gloucester County and the entire community. In addition, we want to congratulate Botetourt Elementary for receiving a 2018-19 Virginia Index of Performance Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award. We also want to congratulate Abingdon Elementary, Achilles Elementary and Petsworth Elementary for receiving a 2019 Virginia Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award through the Exemplar School Recognition Program.

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. Also, please take a moment to thank our faculty and staff when you see them for the wonderful job they do with our students each and every day.

In closing, thanks so much for your time and I look forward to an outstanding 2019-20 school year!