

## Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community Members:

I hope that you are doing well. I know we are all glad that the winter weather is once again behind us as we look forward to the upcoming summer months. As always, I want to take time 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 update the community on since my last update in January of 2020.

Teachers of the Year for the 2019-20 school year have been selected for Gloucester County Public Schools. I want to congratulate each of these outstanding educators on this wonderful and awesome honor. They are as follows: Stacey Marsh (Abingdon), Carlee Hanchak (Achilles), Leonne Arsenovic (Bethel), Carrie Landry (Botetourt), Kim Robins (Petersworth), Brian Teucke (Page), Aimee Layton (Peasley), Emily Carlson (GHS), and Sam Venable (GHS). I also want to congratulate our Division level teachers of the year who are as follows: Carrie Landry (elementary), Brian Teucke (middle), Emily Carlson (high) and Brian Teucke (overall Division). In addition, I am continuously amazed at the work of our entire faculty and staff and want to congratulate them on their efforts as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic together.

April was National School Library month and Administrative Professionals Day was April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, May 6<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National School Nurse Day. In addition, May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National Teacher Appreciation Week and School Nutrition Employee Week. Please let our teachers and staff know how much you appreciate them as they shape and mold the lives of our youth who eventually will lead us into the future.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your input and support for the Division's operating budget proposal to the County Board of Supervisors for the 2020-2021 school year. Even though we did not receive what we requested, please know that we will do all we can each day to provide the best educational opportunities for the students in Gloucester County. In closing, I look forward to continuously working with all community stakeholders and I sincerely thank you for your time. Have a great day!