

Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community:

I want to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year. Gloucester County Public Schools has gotten off to an excellent start this year, even in the midst of COVID-19. Please rest assured that we in GCPS will do all that we can to support our students, families and staff throughout the course of this year. As always, 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.

We want to sincerely thank the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors for providing funding in the amount of approximately five hundred and twenty thousand dollars to support our remote learning efforts. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of Samsung Galaxy Tablets for our youngest learners and MiFi devices to assist in providing support where limited or no internet connectivity exists.

We have added thirty-nine (professional and support) new staff members (full-time & part-time) to the Gloucester County Public Schools family for the 2020–2021 school year and we are extremely excited to have them as part of our team. We also have building level and Division level administrative additions as follows: Mrs. Susan Andrews (Abingdon assistant principal), Mrs. Kristen Heaney, (Division Secondary Mathematics Coach) and Dr. Jennifer Tingley (Division Acting Director of Special Education). In addition, Mrs. Rachel Blankenship (February 2020) has joined the GCPS team as our Executive Director of Human Resources & Compliance.

Finally, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Educational Foundation as your support 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.