

## **Superintendent's Message**

**Walter R. Clemons, Ph.D.**

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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 2021-22 message to the community of Gloucester County. I want to sincerely thank all students, parents, faculty, staff and community members for an excellent 2020-21 school year. Please know that I greatly appreciate your continuous and steadfast support for GCPŠ as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. I can truly say that we would not be as successful as we have been or will continue to be without your support, and for that I am forever thankful. 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 students consistently receive world-class educational experiences and opportunities in safe and orderly environments conducive to learning.**

**Summer school is currently ongoing and the summer as you can imagine has been and will continue to be extremely busy in preparation for the 2021-22 (1<sup>st</sup> day of school begins on August 30) 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 2021-22 school year. We will provide an update of new personnel to GCPŠ in the early fall.**

**As we move into the 2021-22 school year, items outlined in GCPŠ Capital Improvement Plan and the Comprehensive Plan will be top priorities. We will definitely keep the community informed along the way as we plan to work diligently with the Board of Supervisors and other county officials to do what is in the best interest for the students, staff & families of Gloucester County Public Schools as well as the entire community. We encourage you to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns.**

**Finally, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Educational Foundation 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 2021-22 school year!**