

## 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 spring and summer. 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 November of 2020.

Teachers of the Year for the 2020-21 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: Chris Keene (Abingdon), Hannah Kellogg (Achilles), Becky Johnson (Bethel), Colleen Roady (Botetourt), Alyssa Thomas (Petsworth), Amy O'Neil (Page), Megan Harris (Peasley), Emily Nunez (GHS), and Crystal Thompson (GHS). I also want to continuously acknowledge our teachers and students who have received various awards and congratulate them on their efforts and accomplishments.

National School Librarian Day is April 4<sup>th</sup> and Administrative Professionals Day is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, May 5<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National School Nurse Day. In addition, May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National Teacher Appreciation Week. Furthermore, GCPS will recognize School Nutrition Employee Week during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 2021-2022 school year. 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!