

Superintendent's Message

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Dear Gloucester County Community:

Gloucester County Public Schools has gotten off to a great start in the 2021-2022 school year. 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 are pleased to announce that capital improvement projects are underway and progressing regarding the Page baseball field and the Achilles bus loop. We look forward to the completion of those projects in the 2021-2021 school year. We are also excited about the collaboration between the school system and the county as it pertains to a new transportation facility for GCPS. We will definitely keep you apprised of these extremely important projects as they continue to develop.

In addition, we have added one hundred twenty-two (professional and support) new staff members (full-time & part-time) to the Gloucester County Public Schools family for the 2021–2022 school year and we are extremely excited to have them as part of our team. We also have building level and Division level administrative changes and additions as follows: Ms. Nicole Lantz (Abingdon assistant principal), Ms. Kelley Gray (Achilles principal), Ms. Tiffany Busch (Bethel assistant principal), Ms. Rita Garcia (Petsworth assistant principal), Ms. Sharon Hendrix (Page principal), Mr. Daryl Oakley (Page assistant principal), Dr. Craig Reed (Peasley principal), Ms. Cathy Balderson (Peasley assistant principal), Dr. Stefan Mygas (GHS principal), Mr. Alexis Foster (GHS assistant principal), Ms. Shannon Auché (GHS assistant principal/iMPACT), Ms. Katina Keener (GCPS Student Services Coordinator, Ms. Katie Litton (GCPS Academic Support Coordinator for Instructional Services), Dr. Patricia McMahon (GCPS Program Support Coordinator for Special Education) and Mr. Jim Rieflin (GCPS Director of Technology).

Finally, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Educational Foundation as plans for the annual 3K Walk/8K Run (which currently is scheduled to be held on March 26, 2022) are now underway. Your contributions 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.