

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 January of 2018.

Teachers of the Year for the 2017-18 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: Melanie McComb (Abingdon), Amber Meland (Achilles), Michelle Kennedy (Bethel), Natalie Shepherd (Botetourt), Sharon Carino (Petersworth), Shanna Merritt (Page), Jennifer Hemphill (Peasley), Travis Patrick (GHS), and John Scalf (GHS). I also want to continuously acknowledge our teachers and students who have received various awards and congratulate them on their efforts and accomplishments.

April 2018 is recognized as School Library Month and May 9th is recognized as National School Nurse Day. Also, May 7th through May 11th is recognized as National Teacher Appreciation Week. In addition, Administrative Professionals Day is April 25th and School Nutrition Employee Week is May 7th through May 11th. 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 2018-2019 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!