

Northumberland County Public Schools

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Dear Students, Families, & Community Members:

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! It is hard to believe the summer is coming to a close, and we will begin a new year of learning and growth. I am extremely proud of our employees for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence that makes our school division one of the best in the Northern Neck.

Preliminary results from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) are promising and indicate all of our schools will be fully accredited for the 2018-19 school year!

Northumberland Elementary School:

Accreditation Status *Last Year*: Accredited; Accreditation Status ***This Year*: Accredited**

Northumberland Middle School:

Accreditation Status *Last Year*: Partially Accredited: Warned School-Pass Rate; Accreditation Status ***This Year*: Accredited**

Northumberland High School:

Accreditation Status *Last Year*: Accredited; Accreditation Status ***This Year*: Accredited**

Our staff and colleagues have been busy this summer! Here are some highlights:

- Participation in the Education Equity Summer Institute: Participants Mr. Adam Letizia, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Stephanie Baker, Principal; Mr. Patrick Simmons, Assistant Principal “Equity is the lens through which we should look at everything we do to make sure that all students have the supports and resources they need when they need them,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. James Lane
- Participation in the School Safety Forum 2018 by the Department of Criminal Justice System: Participants from NES: Mrs. Bonnie Swann, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Lance Reynolds, Assistant Principal; & School Resource Officer Keith Wilson; NMS: Mrs. Tracey Harding, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Marvin Johnson, Student Mentor; & Mr. Patrick Simmons, Assistant Principal; NHS: Mrs. Teresa VanLandingham, Finance Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Yvonne Woolard, Administrative Assistant; & School Resource Officer Shawn Boone; Division: Ms. Amanda Schimmoller, School Psychologist
- Participation in the 22nd Annual School University Research Network (SURN) Leadership conference: Mr. Letizia, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Smith, & I attended.
- The Virginia Association for the Gifted named the 2018 Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for Region III by the Virginia Association for the Gifted: Mrs. Shauna McCranie!
- The Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals association named the President-Elect: Dr. Travis Burns!

Custodial, transportation, and maintenance colleagues have been working tirelessly throughout the heat of the summer on a variety of projects to keep our buildings, campuses, and transportation fleet at peak performance. Ongoing projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

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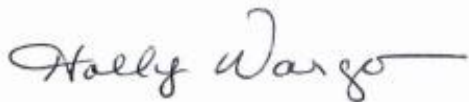
- Daiken unit at NES: expected ship date next week with anticipated installation the following morning;
- Interior painting in all schools (main office, bathrooms at NES; stairwells, hallways, and pod areas at NMS; hallways, gymnasium, main office, conference room at NHS);
- Painting the exterior of field house;
- Seeding (Bermuda), fertilizing, and weed control of the football field;
- Painting of parking lots;
- Sprinkler head repair on football, baseball, and Little League fields.

Here are some important dates:

- Back to School Rally for students & families August 25;
- Freshman Orientation & Sixth Grade Orientation August 28;
- NES, NMS, & NHS Registration August 29;
- First Day of School September 4!

I look forward to the opening of school and hope your summer has been enjoyable!

Sincerely,



Holly Wargo, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent

