

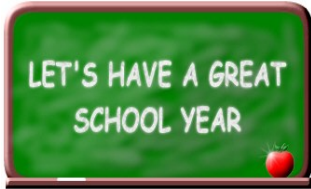
# P.G. Super News

Renée P. Williams

Prince George County Public Schools

September 21, 2018

## School Board News



**Important Dates:**  
**September 17-23**  
**Constitution Week**

**September 22**  
**First Day of Autumn**

**October**  
**Crime Prevention**  
**Month;**  
**National Principals**  
**Month;**  
**National Bullying**  
**Prevention Month;**  
**Czech Heritage**  
**Month**

**October 3**  
**Interim Reports**  
**to Parents**

**October 8**  
**Columbus Day;**  
**School Board**  
**Meeting**

**October 7-13**  
**Fire Prevention Week**

**October 15-19**  
**National School**  
**Lunch Week**

**October 16**  
**National Boss's Day**

The School Board held its regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018.

### **Special Recognitions**

- + **Renee Williams** introduced the division's Familiar Faces in New Places / Newest Administrative Members: **Robin Germanos**, Director of Elementary Education (SBO); **Elizabeth Griffith**, Coordinator for Student Services (SBO); **Jason Chandler**, Principal (Beazley); **Melanie Barron Ficke**, Assistant Principal (Beazley); **Theresa Marshall**, Principal (North); **Jennifer Rollings**, Assistant Principal (Harrison); **Marlena Smith**, Assistant Principal (South); **Chrystal Barnwell**, Principal (Walton); **Priscilla Hicks**, (Moore); **Danica Coleman-Millner**, Assistant Principal (Clements).
- + VSBA Academy Award Certificates of Recognitions were presented to **Rob Eley**, **Kevin Foster**, **Stephanie Estep**, and **Becky Kirk**. **Renee Williams** received the Award of Distinction Certificate and a starfish pin.

### **Presentations**

- \* **Cheryl Simmers** provided last school year's test scores for students at each district, with Prince George receiving an 80% pass rate overall. All three schools have increased enrollment and they are maxed out in some of the courses offered. Open House is scheduled in October. Over 70 vendors participated in the job fair last school year with over 300 students attending. Rowanty continues to partner with school divisions K-12 and communicating programs offered to students at Rowanty. She spoke of Industry Day with mobile work stations that performed blood pressure checks, etc. and hopes to obtain a "Trailer to Go" to continue with mobile work stations. She spoke of other school partnerships with Dinwiddie, Sussex, Prince George, and Pathways and community partnerships with Fort Lee, Cameron Foundation, Standard Motors, and working with the Crater Region workforce for future adult education opportunities.

\* **Ron Rhodes** commented on the air study assessment conducted at N.B. Clements Junior High School last month. Johnson Controls and our HVAC personnel, Bryan Wood, have been working together to resolve issues from the assessment. Johnson Controls is also working to troubleshoot and resolve cooling issues at Moore and Prince George High Schools. Portable air conditioning units have been placed in certain rooms to help with the situation. Mr. Rhodes showed pictures of the work that has been completed throughout the division this summer (new windows at South and Harrison Elementary Schools, LED lights at Moore gym, installation of new air conditioner units at Beazley, new desks assembled, new office furniture, carpet, LED lights and ceiling grids installed in high school office area, installation of black coated fence at football stadium and field hockey field, completion of new track, etc.). He thanked the custodians at South and Harrison Elementary schools for the phenomenal job they did while the windows were being installed.

\* **Clarence Thweatt** thanked his new support staff for the many hours they have put in the last few weeks, including the Labor Day holiday weekend, to make sure all routes were covered for the start of the school year. There are a total of 10 A/B runs (3 elementary and 7 secondary runs) which eliminated double back runs. This also eliminated extra phone calls to parents by staff. He recognized that **Steve Bhatt** and **Jason Chandler** are in CDL training in addition to 4 new drivers. He indicated he still needed 10-15 drivers to eliminate A/B runs and shorten the SPED routes. There has also been an increase in SPED student ridership, requiring more cars on the road.



**School Board  
Member  
Comments**

**Mr. Foster** thanked everyone for the smooth opening. He recognized our new administrators and thanked them for joining our team. Their leadership will continue the school division's success. He also thanked principals and school staff for getting the schools ready for another great year. He commented on presentations during Convocation.

**Mr. Stevens** welcomed **Ms. Simmers** back and commented on shelter plans in place for Hurricane Florence. He welcomed familiar faces in their new places and he wished them well on their new assignments and welcomed the new folks, saying, "You have come to the best place". He addressed **Mr. Rhodes** for the great presentation and stated our employees have done an exceptional job this summer getting buildings ready for the new school year.

**Mr. Johnson** expressed excitement for the new year, he enjoyed meeting and greeting the new administrators recently and spoke about the excellent Convocation program to start off the year. He challenged principals to utilize resources that Fort Lee has to offer. The soldiers are willing to mentor, coach or help in any way. "They are a rich resource for the community and we need to utilize them".

**Mr. Cox** spoke about the new year and new faces stating, "You worked with the rest, now you're working with the best". He thanked several people and groups for working diligently over the summer to prepare for the new school year, including **John Brockwell** and the Technology Department, custodial, maintenance, school, and central office staffs.

# School Board News

## Discussion Items

- √ John Tyler Community College Student Nurse Partnership
- √ Information Security Policy
- √ 2016-21 Comprehensive Plan Review/Progress
- √ School Staffing Agreements and MOUs
- √ Financial Report for August 2018
- √ Technical School

## Action Items

- ◇ New Political Science Club
- ◇ SMP Workforce Development Taskforce Proposal
- ◇ VSBA July Policy Manual Revisions
- ◇ October "Bullying Prevention Month" Resolution

## Superintendent's Informational Items

- Active Enrollment Summary Sept. 5, 2018
- 2018-19 Out of District Requests
- Certification of Appreciation from Prince George Youth Workforce Academy
- PTA/PTO/PTSO Meetings and after Hour Events for 2018-19

## Upcoming Events

- VSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference—September 20, 2018—Charlottesville
- October—VSBA Bullying Prevention Month
- VSBA/VACORP Free Webinar—"What School Board Members Need to Know about School Bus Safety" - October 25, 2018
- November—VSBA "Take Your Legislator to School Month"
- VSBA Education Foundation Workshop—November 13, 2018—Williamsburg
- 2018 VSBA Annual Convention and Clerk's Conference—November 14-16, 2018—Williamsburg

*The next School Board Meeting is  
Monday, October 8, 2018  
at 6:30 P.M.*

# Congratulations!

## Familiar Faces in New Places / Meet the Newest Administrative Members

### School Board Office

**Robin Germanos**, Director of Elementary Education (formerly Principal @ Beazley)

**Elizabeth Griffith**, Coordinator for Student Services (formerly teacher @ Harrison)

### L.L. Beazley Elementary

**Jason Chandler**, Principal-Beazley (returned to Prince George as new administrator)

**Melanie Barron Ficke**, Assistant Principal (Formerly teacher @ Moore)

### North Elementary

**Dr. Theresa Marshall**, Principal (new to Prince George)

### David A. Harrison Elementary

**Jennifer Rollings**, Assistant Principal (new to Prince George)

### South Elementary

**Marlena Smith**, Assistant Principal (new to Prince George)

### William A. Walton Elementary

**Chrystal Barnwell**, Principal (Formerly Assistant Principal at Moore)

### J.E.J. Moore Middle

**Priscilla Hicks**, Assistant Principal (new to Moore; transferred from North)

### N.B. Clements Junior High

**Danica Coleman-Millner**, Assistant Principal (new to Prince George)