



# Essex High School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all of the phone calls, emails, and office visits to welcome me back to the community. I am excited to be the principal of Essex High School. I have not had an opportunity to meet all of you, but I will be working very closely with you and your student when school begins. I am writing this letter to introduce myself and inform you of important dates. I have included a few details about my experience and training:

## EXPERIENCE

2005-2011 Assistant Principal - Montgomery County  
2001-2005 Teacher - King and Queen County  
1999-2001 Teacher - King William County

## EDUCATION

2002-2004 Master's of Education	<i>Educational Leadership</i>	Virginia Commonwealth University
1995-1999 Bachelor's of Arts	<i>English</i>	University of Virginia's College at Wise
1990-1995 Diploma	<i>Advanced Studies</i>	Essex High School

My experience and education will allow me to successfully lead our school as we move from good to great. Attending universities and working in other school divisions have been wonderful experiences for me, but my graduation from EHS has been the foundation for each of my professional and educational accomplishments. Just like many of you, I believe that our students can compete with any high school in Virginia both athletically and academically. It is my goal to see our graduates leave high school fully prepared for career fields, colleges, military service, trade schools, or other pursuit of their choice.

As we plan for the 2011-2012 school year, I want each of you to know that we intend to maintain EHS's standard of excellence, while instilling higher expectations for our students and staff. Your student's academic success and safety are my priorities. As we partner to enhance the success of each student, I solicit your commitment to encourage your student to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the school board. We will work tirelessly to help all students succeed and we will depend on you to make your student: maintain excellent attendance, engage in the learning process, and demonstrate respect for self, peers, and staff.

Our teachers have attended new trainings and professional development on implementing the new block scheduling program and incorporating advanced technology applications into classroom lessons. Thank you for allowing us to work with your sons and daughters.

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Schedules will be available for pick up in the main office  
August 30<sup>th</sup> Open House 6:00-8:00p.m. (informational meeting on policies and expectations at 7:00)  
September 6<sup>th</sup> First Day of School

Thank you,

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