

May 21, 2015



Dear CBGS Students and Families,

Greetings! I write to introduce myself, since I was selected as the new CBGS Director last week. I am eager to join you at your outstanding school.

In 1989 I started my teaching career in Nelson County High School as a math teacher, teaching AP Calculus AB and Algebra I. After a long career in Charlottesville (in several roles, including math coordinator and school principal), I migrated to Richmond City as the district's curriculum director. Yet I was looking for a more targeted position and loved the idea of returning to math (and science) leadership. I am grateful that the interview panel and board felt the same sense I do – that this job is a great fit for my interests and background.

The school's reputation is impressive, boasting many accomplishments and clearly filling important needs for the districts. Most importantly, the school should serve you – the student. I hope that the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School has been (or will be) a great place of learning and growth for you.

I also hope that we, as a school and community, can grow. I consider myself a lifelong learner and I encourage that mindset for those I lead. In the course of continual improvement, I am anxious to take stock of our strengths and then see what we can build together at CBGS that is even better. Student and parent involvement is critical, and so I encourage you to be involved in the life of the school. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas or concerns. I very much value student voice.

On a personal note, my family and I will be relocating to the area this summer. My husband, Ken Miller, is a middle school teacher; and our two sons, Tanner and Ben, attend Longwood and CNU, respectively. Although moving is stressful, it's exciting, too, and we're happy to be settling in this region of Virginia.

A high priority for me is getting to know you, the students, and your families. I may see some of you in the coming days; and for certain will be ready to meet all of you in August. Have a wonderful close of this school year, enjoy a relaxing and fun summer, and be ready for an awesome 2015-16 school year in the fall!

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Terri L. Perkins'.

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