

Poquoson City Public Schools
Press Release
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The Poquoson City School Board celebrated the retirement of Mr. Steve Pappas and announced the departure of Mrs. Lenna Reimers at last night's school board meeting.

Executive Director of Operations, Steve Pappas, will retire after 14 years of service. Mr. Pappas joined the PCPS team in 2007 during the construction of the new Poquoson Elementary School. He has played an integral role in the Poquoson Middle School Modernization Project, which is anticipated to be complete in December 2022. As the Executive Director of Operations, Mr. Pappas has also led the Food Services, Transportation, and Maintenance departments. His leadership over these departments has been paramount to student well-being, safety, and success. Superintendent of Poquoson City Public Schools, Mr. Arty Tillett, shared, "PCPS is really going to miss Mr. Steve Pappas as he prepares to retire after 14 years at the helm of our school division operations, leading our Transportation, School Nutrition and Facilities and Maintenance Departments with the utmost dedication and superior performance. He is truly one of the finest colleagues I've ever had the privilege to work with in my career. He is an amazing leader and an even better person."

Upon the retirement of Mr. Pappas, Poquoson City Public Schools will be restructuring the position of Executive Director of Operations to Assistant Superintendent of Operations. PCPS is excited to announce that Dr. Brandon Ratliff will be the new Assistant Superintendent of Operations. Dr. Ratliff has served as the PCPS Director of Accountability, Student Achievement, & Technology for five years, during which time he served as the Division Director of Testing, the Director of Gifted Programs, the Division Safety Coordinator, in addition to many other roles. Prior to 2016, Dr. Ratliff served as the principal of several schools including Poquoson High School, Marion Middle School, Sugar Grove Combined School, and Mt. Rogers Combined School. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Tennessee State University and his doctorate in educational leadership from Liberty University.

Ms. Emily Forrest will serve as the new Director of Accountability, filling the position vacated by Dr. Ratliff. Ms. Forrest currently serves as the Professional Learning & Digital Communications Administrator for PCPS. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia and her education specialist degree from Old Dominion University. Ms. Forrest has been a classroom teacher for Hampton City Schools and Poquoson City Public Schools, as well as an Assessment, Compliance, & Intervention Coordinator for York County School Division. The position of Professional Learning & Digital Communications Administrator is currently posted on the employment section of the PCPS website and can be accessed at <https://www.applitrack.com/poquoson/onlineapp/>.

Mrs. Lenna Reimers, School Board Clerk and Administrative Assistant for Poquoson City Public Schools, has been appointed as the new Human Resources Technician for New Kent Public Schools. Mrs. Reimers spent seven years in her current position with PCPS where her

contributions have been critical to the efficiency and productivity of the School Board Office. According to Superintendent Tillett, "Mrs. Reimers has served PCPS for the past several years with dedication and commitment; her leaving is a tremendous loss to our school family and she is going to be greatly missed."

The position vacated by Mrs. Reimers will be restructured to Administrative Specialist for Executive Leadership. Poquoson City Public Schools is excited to announce that Mrs. Dustie McCay will fill this position. Mrs. McCay is currently an Administrative Assistant for the School Board Office. Prior to this role, she served PCPS as the Bookkeeper at Poquoson Primary School for four years. "Mrs. McCay possesses the perfect skillset, work ethic and demeanor to serve as our new Administrative Specialist for Executive Leadership; we are very fortunate to have her on our team and willing to serve in this role" stated Superintendent Tillett.