

Poquoson City Public Schools
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Poquoson City Public Schools is pleased to announce that the PCPS School Board has approved Superintendent Arty Tillett's recommendation to appoint Ms. Ruth-Marie Cason as the new principal of Poquoson Primary School.

Ms. Cason has served as the assistant principal at Poquoson Elementary School since 2016. She has twenty five years of teaching experience as a special education teacher and a physical education/health teacher. Ms. Cason has served Poquoson City Public Schools in many capacities including ELL/ESL coordinator, new teacher/mentor teacher program facilitator, and university/college student placement coordinator. She earned both her Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and Psychology and her Master's Degree in Educational Policy, Planning, and Leadership from The College of William and Mary.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve Poquoson's youngest learners and their families. I look forward to returning to the Primary School and working with its amazing team as the new principal. I will continue to strengthen and support our students' growth and learning by fostering positive relationships within the school building and out into the community," Ms. Cason stated.

Ms. Cason will be filling the position to be vacated by Ms. Kimberly Gryszko, who has been appointed as the new principal of Matoaka Elementary School in Williamsburg James City County Public Schools. Ms. Gryszko has served the families of Poquoson as the Poquoson Primary School principal for the past three years, and as the Poquoson Primary assistant principal for the three years prior. Ms. Gryszko shared, "Poquoson Primary has been my home for six years and is one of the most incredible schools I have had the opportunity to be a part of. I have full confidence in our staff continuing their hard work and dedication to our community's youngest learners and I am looking forward to this new experience of leading kindergarten through fifth grade in one building."

PCPS Superintendent, Arty Tillett, stated "Principal Gryszko's departure from PPS is a tremendous loss not only to the primary school but also to our school community. She has proven to be a visionary leader who has demonstrated a true passion for learning and care for our youngest students for the past several years; we are going to miss her. PCPS is most fortunate to have, serving with us, the ideal fit to take the helm at PPS in Ms. Ruth-Marie Cason. She brings the perfect combination of experience, skilled leadership and love for Poquoson schools and our families to lead PPS into the next chapter of the school and division's success story."

Division leadership will be working diligently to fill the assistant principal vacancy at Poquoson Elementary School, as well as to develop a timeline for these leadership transitions as quickly as possible.