SUPERINTENDENT’S CORNER

As we continue to move closer to the end of another successful school year, I want to express our thanks and gratitude to all of our staff members and parents for their continued support and dedication throughout this school year.

Since September, we have had many opportunities to read, hear, or observe the many different activities that are taking place within all of our schools. We have also heard and read about our student's accomplishments as well. All of our schools continue to meet the challenges of the Standards of Learning, with all 5 schools being Fully Accredited for 2016-17. In order to meet these expectations, our schools continue to look for innovative programs or practices that can be incorporated within the instructional program to enhance the education that our students receive. We are optimistic, based on the Fall and Spring SOL results so far, that the successes and accomplishments that we have seen in the past will continue in the future.

Not only have our schools shown academic strengths, but our students have also excelled in many other areas, including a variety of athletic team successes. The NHS Varsity football team qualified for a regional berth and the Girls Varsity Basketball team qualified for a regional berth during their athletic seasons. In addition, a member of the NHS Cross Country team qualified for the state meet. Furthermore, the GHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team was regional runner-up and qualified for the state tournament. Additionally, a member of the GHS boys and two members of the Girls Cross Country teams qualified for the state meet.

Along with these achievements, we have had several students at the Giles Technology Center place in the SkillsUSA District Championships. There were 10 first place finishers, 6 second place finishers, and 6 third place finishers in the District SkillsUSA. In addition, we have twenty-eight students who will be competing at the State SkillsUSA Championships in Fredericksburg at the end of April. Furthermore, students from the Tech Center participated in the state Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) conference, with a team first place finisher, a team second place finisher, and an individual first place and third place finisher in the competitions. Three students are eligible to attend the National HOSA conference in Orlando, Florida and represent the Tech Center this summer as well.

These activities are only a few of the many accomplishments that our students and teachers have had during this school year. We continue to be proud of the hard work and efforts displayed by all of our students and teachers each day to prepare for these, as well as all of the other competitions, activities, or performances. They do an excellent job representing their school, as well as Giles County, in a positive fashion.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all of you and thank you for your continued support of the Giles County School System. Through this support, commitment, and teamwork, we are able to continue to achieve many things for the benefit of our students and our school system as a whole. I look forward to continuing this relationship with each of you so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our students here in Giles County Public Schools. I hope that each of you has a successful school closing and enjoy your summer vacations with your families and friends.

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent

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Average Per Pupil Expenditures

Legislation from the General Assembly requires the School Board to provide parents with certain budgetary information within 30 days of submitting the budget to the Board of Supervisors. The governing body must approve and appropriate (permit) spending for all funds. The state has mandated that the following information be provided regarding last year’s budget, the current year’s budget, and the proposed budget for 2017-18:

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*Operations category includes regular day school, school food services, summer school, and other educational programs, but does not include debt service, non-regular day school, non-LEA programs, capital outlay additions, and some capital outlay replacement categories. Local funds category includes funding plus other local revenues.

School Board Information

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2016-17
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The Giles County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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