



## AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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After three decades of a public education career committed to providing opportunities for all children to live successful and fulfilling lives, I would like to announce my retirement as Superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools effective July 1, 2022. This decision was not made lightly, but is one that I feel is necessary for me and my family. I am making this announcement early in the year so the School Board will have ample time to find a suitable replacement. Please know that I will do everything I can to help the new superintendent make a smooth transition.

The number of talented people that I have had the honor to work alongside are too numerous to mention here individually. But, I want all the administrators, teachers and staff to know that my success has always been based on your success. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. There are still six months of the school year remaining and I look forward to working with you to complete the many projects that are in progress.

I would also like to thank this community for accepting me and my family and giving me the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of the children of Amherst County. Many parents and community members have given personal time and energy to make an enormous impact on the improvement of this school division. I encourage this community to stay engaged in public education because a community's success is directly tied to the success of our students.

While I am grateful for the efforts of staff and community, it is the students that I would like to thank the most. It is fashionable to say that today's youth are lazy, obsessed with social media, and lack any initiative to make a difference. To that, I say nonsense! This generation of young people have dealt with significant setbacks and trauma that have not been seen in generations. The children I know are more aware of their world, more flexible, less afraid of change - embracing technology and hoping that humans will work together to make this world a better place. I am extremely hopeful for our future and I believe that it is this generation of students who will actually make this world a better place. I wish you all the very best and know that you are all capable of achieving great things!

Sincerely,

Robert J. Arnold  
Superintendent