



LANDSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings to Parents/Guardians and Students of Landstown Middle School:

My name is Dr. Mark G. Makovec, and I am pleased to share with you that I am the newly appointed principal of Landstown Middle School. I am excited for the opportunity to work with you and our students as we continue the path towards academic excellence. Landstown Middle School is an incredible school comprised of exceptional staff members, talented students and a strong community, and I am fortunate to be a part of this learning community.

I am honored to have been selected to serve this community, and with our current administrative team consisting of Mrs. Miranda Conover, 6th Grade Assistant Principal, Mr. Salvatore Marchione, 7th Grade Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Jennifer Baxter, 8th Grade Assistant Principal, we will work diligently to gain your trust and respect. As a faculty, our task is to continue creating the best possible environment for academic success. This can only be accomplished through genuine collaboration between our staff, parents/guardians, students and community members. Landstown Middle School has done a fantastic job of building collaboration between all stakeholders, and we will continue these efforts this school year.

Improving academic achievement for all our students continues to be a focal point for Virginia Beach City Public Schools and Landstown Middle School. Each day we will build upon what has already been instilled in the minds of our students, and we will continue making strides towards academic excellence through collaboration and by providing the best teaching in all our classrooms.

Throughout the summer, it is my hope to have an opportunity to spend some time with you to introduce myself and learn from you. The majority of my summer voluntary meetings with key stakeholders will be centered on three questions: **1) What are the strengths of our school 2) What are the areas we need to focus on this school year for improvement 3) What expectations do you have of me as the principal?** I have scheduled four parent/guardian forum sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM and 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Monday, August 19, 2019 from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM and 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

Each scheduled parent/guardian forum will cover the same material so if you are able to attend, you will only need to attend one. In addition to the parent/guardian forums, we have set up a google link so you can share your thoughts related to the above questions in the event you are not able to attend any of the scheduled forums. The purpose of the parent/guardian forum and



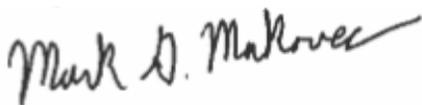
google link is to begin building a positive relationship with you and collect valuable feedback as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are not able to attend any of the forums, please visit the google link and share with us your responses to the above questions by following this link: [Principal Transition Survey \(Parent\)](#)

For planning purposes, if you are able to join us for the parent/guardian forums, please contact Ms. Joan Brown, Office Manager, at 757-648-4750 or email at Joan.Brown@vbschools.com. We will provide light refreshments and snacks, so it is important we know your availability. In addition, our plan is to meet in the library, but pending the number of available parents/guardians, we may need to meet in the auditorium.

We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in a position on the PTSA Board, School Planning Council, being a volunteer, being a guest speaker, or becoming a Partner in Education, please take a moment and fill out this survey by following this link: [PTSA Interest Survey](#)

I look forward to working with each of you for the upcoming school year as we continue the path towards academic excellence. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions at 757-648-4750 or mmakovec@vbschools.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Makovec". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Mark G. Makovec
Principal