



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE



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Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D., is entering his 15th year as a superintendent. Before becoming Chesterfield's superintendent in 2018 he was superintendent 2009-2018 for the Red Clay Consolidated School District in Delaware and was named 2015-16 Delaware Superintendent of the Year.

What are you excited & hopeful about for the 2023-24 school year?

The largest school system in central Virginia, Chesterfield County Public Schools is energized to start the 2023-24 school year and support academic growth for our 64,000+ students. We will continue to instill rigorous coursework and promote strong career and technical skills for student success. At the start of school and throughout the year, we encourage students, families, and staff members to show up for each other, show up with kindness, and show up ready to learn.

What challenges are you facing?

Chesterfield County Public Schools consistently faces challenges from the issues in our society as we work to prepare students for successful futures as strong citizens. Safety is always a priority. Student enrollment continues to increase, leading to the need for additional schools. Funding is a major concern for the school division as we work to meet student and staff needs and manage general operations and school building maintenance.

What are some prayer points?

We ask for prayers for the safety of staff and students in schools and on school buses and wisdom for our staff members to meet the daily needs of our children and the school division.

What are some next steps?

- Ask your church if they partner with a school and if they do, join in what's already happening
- Volunteer in schools
- Support students with school supplies
- Become a mentor for students
- Support the Chesterfield Education Foundation

CCPS AT A GLANCE:

Enrollment: 63,962 students

Racial & Ethnic Groups: 34.9% White, 26.4% Black, 20.7% Hispanic, 5.4% Multiple Races, 3.2% Asian, 0.2% American Indian, 0.2% Native Hawaiian

Students with Disabilities: 12.4%

Economically Disadvantaged: 37.5%

English Learners: 14.1%