



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE



Dr. Amy E. Cashwell **Superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools**

Dr. Amy E. Cashwell has served as superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools since July 2018. She provides leadership and direction for Virginia's sixth-largest school division, which has 72 schools and program centers, serving nearly 50,000 students. She is committed to maintaining Henrico's legacy of excellence, working collaboratively to build upon the division's reputation for academic innovation, and elevating issues of equity, diversity and cultural responsiveness.

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

The Henrico community has so many reasons to be excited about the new school year. Our phenomenal teachers, principals and staff are creating dynamic learning spaces where every student is valued, supported, and has a sense of hope and belonging. As superintendent, I am thrilled by the expansion of our Advanced Career Education Centers, the new learning space within Regency Mall for our adult learners and CTE students, and the meaningful, relevant learning that is taking place at all levels to prepare our students to be life-ready. That starts with strong foundational learning, career exploration, and multiple pathways to success based on student interests and choice.

What challenges are you facing?

Henrico Schools, like so many of our neighboring communities and school divisions nationwide, faces challenges with increasing student needs. In some cases that may be food or housing insecurity; other times students may need additional mental health support. We strive to support the whole child while focusing on academic growth for all.

What are some prayer points?

The needs of our school community are as diverse as the nearly 50,000 students themselves. I simply ask our friends, neighbors and families to keep all students in their thoughts with wishes for continued safety, wellness, and above all, love and happiness.

What are some next steps?

We welcome our community into our schools as volunteers, mentors, substitute teachers and full- and part-time employees. I encourage everyone to visit the division website, henricoschools.us to explore the many opportunities to join our HCPS family.

HCPS AT A GLANCE:

Enrollment: 50,389 Students

Racial & Ethnic Groups: 35.7% Black, 33.2% White, 12.5% Hispanic, 12.1% Asian, 5.2% Multiple Races, 0.3% American Indian 0.1% Native Hawaiian

Students with Disabilities: 13.2%

Economically Disadvantaged: 44%

English Learners: 11.9%