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Welcome to Perquimans County Schools!

On behalf of the Perquimans County Schools Board of Education, I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. I am delighted to share that Perquimans County Schools is committed to providing a world-class education for all students through dynamic instruction provided by an elite core of professional educators. As we begin a new school year, please know how much all of us who have the privilege of working with your child(ren) take our individual and collective responsibilities seriously. We care about the success of your student(s).

We welcome our veteran and new teachers to an exciting year of teaching and learning. Our teachers and administrative teams are ready to provide an educational experience that is forever lasting. The great Leonardo da Vinci once wrote, "Iron rusts from disuse; stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigor of the mind." The 2017-2018 school year will focus on teaching our students how to think to learn as well as thinking about what one can learn. Simply, our desire is that students will engage in (1) Learning to Think, (2) Thinking to Learn, (3) Thinking Together, (4) Thinking about their own Thinking and (5) Thinking Big. The ability to think critically and creatively and the ability to solve complex problems are extremely important in an ever-changing global society.

I am confident that as Perquimans County Schools teachers embark on this new school year, they will develop and implement new learning strategies to ensure that all students master a thought-filled curriculum. This means that your student(s) will have daily lessons that will stretch them to think and reason. We have entered a new era in teaching and learning that is based on the ability to think and solve complex problems in creative ways. Considering, please join me in thanking the Perquimans County teachers for diligently working to provide lessons during the upcoming school year that are more intellectually rigorous and challenging for the students whom we have the privilege of serving.

As the school year starts and progresses, I encourage all parents to support their children's learning at home. Please meet with teachers and learn what the school offers. Consider volunteering and/or joining the PTA. Additionally, please demonstrate a positive attitude about education with your children and ask them questions on a daily basis about their learning or behavior. Finally, please read every day with your students while spending time together.

Thank you for trusting Perquimans County Schools with the responsibility of educating your children. We look forward to a dynamic and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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Teaching Locally...Thinking Globally