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Welcome Colonial Beach Public School Parents, Students, Staff, and Visitors!



My name is Dr. Clint M. Mitchell. I was born on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. I immigrated to the United States on November 12, 1989. Upon arriving in the United States, I attended Samuel J. Tilden High School in Brooklyn, New York. While at Tilden, I was a recipient of former mayor David Dinkins summer scholarship to attend a prestigious private school, Choate Rosemary Hall in Hartford, Connecticut.

After graduating from Samuel J. Tilden High school, I attended Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY). I graduated from Brooklyn College with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Philosophy in 1998. I earned a Master of Arts in Urban Policy and Public Administration in 2001 at the Brooklyn College graduate center. I earned a second Master of Education in Education Leadership at George Mason University in 2004. On January 23rd, 2016, I defended my dissertation "Protocol Structured Discussions to Improve Teaching and Interdisciplinary Learning: A School's Journey to School Reform" at Virginia Polytech University. I earned my doctoral degree from Virginia Polytech University in Education Leadership and Policy Studies in 2017.

I began my career in public education as a History teacher in the New York City public school system. In 2001, I moved to Prince William County, Virginia. Upon arriving in Prince William, I accepted a Civics and Economics teaching position at Mills E. Godwin Middle School. I left Godwin Middle School to become an Administrative Assistant at Bel Air Elementary in January 2004. I was appointed by the School Board as an Assistant Principal at Bel Air Elementary on June 30, 2004. On May 17, 2006, I was appointed as principal at Bel Air Elementary School.

I left Bel Air Elementary on June 30, 2016, after serving 10 years as principal. I was appointed as the new principal of Mount Vernon Woods Elementary in Fairfax County Public Schools on August 26, 2016.

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On December 13, 2021, I was appointed as Division Superintendent of Colonial Beach Public Schools. I began my tenure as Superintendent on January 18, 2022.

During the 2012-2013 school year, I was selected as the recipient of the "2013 Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award." In addition, I was selected as the Prince William County Public Schools "Principal of the Year."

On April 8, 2021, I was selected by the Virginia Association of Elementary Schools Principals (VAESP) and the National Association of Elementary Schools (NAESP) for the "National Distinguished Principal" award.

Other notable achievements and awards during my tenure in education includes:

- Completed several national videos to support former First Lady of Virginia, Dorothy McAuliffe and No Kid Hungry's initiative on ending hunger in public schools
- National presenter: Share our Strength: No Kid Hungry, 2017
- Formed a new business partnership with Capital Area Foodbank to create a monthly Family Market for the Mount Vernon Woods community (2016-2017)
- Bel Air Elementary was one of the recipients of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Teacher Incentive Performance Award (TIPA)
- Bel Air Elementary was nominated for the National Title 1 Distinguished School Award for 2012-2013 by Prince William County Public Schools
- Bel Air Elementary was designated as a School of Excellence by Prince William County Schools for two consecutive years (2011-2013). Seven times during my tenure at Bel Air Elementary! Most recent designation was during the 2015-2016 school year.
- 2011-2012 Governor's Awards (Silver) for Best Practices in Nutrition and Physical Education
- 2010-2011 Healthier US Schools Challenge Gold with Distinction Award; First school in the state of Virginia to earn the award
- 2009-2010 and 2013 Relay for Life School of the Year-First school in Prince William County to earn this award
- Virginia Index of Performance Competence to Excellence Award

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One of my basic principles is to start the school year with a theme and vision to guide our work. **The vision is also known as our "Core Three Over Three."** This helps guides our work through the strategic plan.

I am very honored and proud to be the Division Superintendent of this great community. On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of Colonial Beach Public Schools, I am looking forward to your support as we work diligently to meet the needs of our children.

~Dr. Clint M. Mitchell