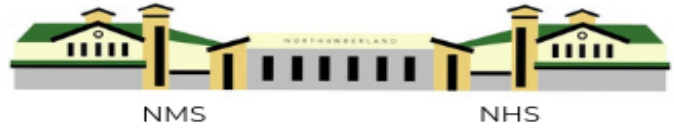


NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PRESS RELEASE

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October 1, 2020, Lottsburg, VA - The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met at the Northumberland County School Board Office for a special called meeting. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling as a result of COVID-19 guidelines. The School Board attended in person practicing Virginia Department of Health and CDC safety procedures.

Mr. Carl Perez sent the following message today to be shared with Northumberland County students, teachers, staff and community:

"Effective yesterday, I resigned my board seat because I have recently changed my residence to fully be in District 2. I remain dedicated to the service of the students, faculty and administration of Northumberland County and I'm fortunate that there is an opportunity to continue that service as I run for the District 2 school board seat."

The School Board approved the following personnel actions:

Mr. Robert Gilbert - accepted retirement and payout of accumulated sick leave per policy GCBD-R5.
Mr. Robert Bailey and Mrs. Debra DeVivi - approved as substitute administrators for the 2020-2021 school year.

The School Board made the following appointments and assignments: **Mrs. Javornda Ashton** as the Interim Director of Educational Technology, **Mr. Patrick Simmons** as Interim Northumberland Middle School Principal, and **Mrs. Martha Hicks** assigned extra assistant principal responsibilities and duties at Northumberland Middle School.

Other School Board actions:

The School Board motioned to appoint **Ms. Denise Mazyck** as District 3 School Board Member. Her term will expire December 31, 2020. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation to **Mr. Carl Perez**, who resigned his District 3 School Board seat due to a change in residency. School Board member Gayle Sterret commented, "We wish Mr. Perez all the best and thank him for his service to the students of Northumberland County." Superintendent **Dr. Holly Wargo** publicly thanked **Mr. Perez** for his service and wished him the best in the upcoming District 2 election.

The School Board moved to offer in-person learning to students in grades PreK-12 on a hybrid schedule of two days a week. The goal is that the "Green" group will begin on October 22, 2020, and the "Gold" group will begin on October 26, 2020. The Board will continue to monitor COVID-19 and its impact on Northumberland County students, teachers and staff.