

# Virginia PTA

## Power Partners

### Principals & Superintendent

## 2022-2023



### **Christopher Hart, Principal, Spring Run Elementary**

Central Region, Chesterfield County Council of PTA's/PTSA's

Christopher Hart creates a welcoming and warm school environment. From welcoming signage, student art contributions, and a seasonally decorated office, parents and students immediately feel welcomed. Mr. Hart actively promotes, attends, and participates in PTA events, even dressing up as an inflatable tube man and getting slimed to celebrate reaching a fundraising goal. Mr. Hart celebrates student accomplishments with a monthly red carpet ceremony where he dresses in a top hat and tails. No work is too small for Mr. Hart. He helps clean-up at PTA events, substitutes in classrooms, helps serve lunch daily, and serves as the 5th grade Student Council liaison. Mr. Hart works closely with the PTA, and fosters a cooperative relationship between parents, teachers, and administration. He is collaborative in his problem solving, and open to offering out-of-the-box solutions. Mr. Hart is a great asset to the school community and to the Spring Run PTA.



### **Dr. Jessica Burbic, Principal, Short Pump Middle**

Central Region, Henrico County Council of PTA/PTA's

In Dr. Burbic's first year at Short Pump Middle School she has changed the culture, and improved staff energy and student engagement. Dr. Burbic has gone out of her way to attend late PTSA meetings, invited parent feedback on school safety measures, and always makes time to listen to parent concerns. Dr. Burbic encouraged families to participate in the Short Pump Middle School PTSA which more than doubled their membership. To show school spirit, students were encouraged to have friendly House competitions that include House Color Day and a food drive. This year Short Pump Middle held its first Student Learning and Innovation Showcase, and Dr. Burbic encouraged the 8th graders to host an evening of learning for rising 6th-8th graders. Dr. Burbic's energy and commitment to students, parents, and staff has renewed school pride.



### **Dr. Verletta White, Superintendent, Roanoke City Schools**

Blue Ridge Region, Roanoke City Central Council of PTA's/PTSA's

Dr. White has created a culture of excellence and been accessible and available to students, families, staff, and the community. From outdoor listening sessions during the pandemic to actively engaging families in the development of a new strategic plan, "A Roadmap to Student Success", Dr. White identified areas of common community concern and has worked to implement new programs that improve academic success and community connections. Dr. White created a Stay Safe By Staying Connected Summer Learning Program for 5th - 8th graders, opened a second Career Technical Education Center, and established a Community Empowerment and Education Center by renovating the current Central Administration Building.