

Virginia PTA

Power Partners

Principals & Superintendent

2023-2024



Mr. Shane Wolfe, Aldrin Elementary School

Northern Region, Fairfax County Council of PTA's/PTSA's

Principal Wolfe's collaborative approach has helped increase parent engagement and created a stronger and more unified school community. His warm, welcoming attitude along with positive support for hosting ice cream socials, Culture and Heritage Nights, Book Fairs, Family Reading Nights, Career Day and Bingo has re-engaged families in school activities. Twice a year, as part of 'Aldrin Reads', school staff pack up tables, decorations, books, snacks, and activities and go into the Aldrin community where families, including siblings of all ages, can shop for an unlimited number of books, and participate in the activities. The goal is to provide Aldrin students with home libraries, but the love has spread in many ways.



Ms. Rebecca Thompson, Tomahawk Creek Middle School

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

Ms. Thompson goes above and beyond to ensure that every child at TCMS has the opportunity to reach their full potential, and her tireless efforts have had a profound impact on the school community. Ms. Thompson attends every PTA event to offer support and encouragement. She takes time to personally connect with students, greeting them by name when she passes them in the hallway. Ms. Thompson collaborates with the PTA to fund initiatives that not only benefit students, but also provide opportunities for teacher professional development. Ms. Thompson understands the power of collaboration and her active support was instrumental in making the Timberwolf Classic Invitational a success.



Mr. Dondre Lightfoot, Varina High School

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

Dondre Lightfoot is the main ingredient to a positive school environment at Varina High School. He is driven, compassionate, and committed to encouraging his students to be successful everyday. Mr. Lightfoot is always looking for ways to enhance the PTSA and school. He holds proactive planning meetings with the PTSA and actively communicates via multiple channels with parents.



Dr. Merv Daugherty, Chesterfield County Schools

Central Region, Chesterfield County Council of PTAs

Dr. Mervin Daugherty has spent 47 years working in public education, and is Superintendent of the 5th largest School District in Virginia. Dr. Daugherty came to Chesterfield when the school system was rated almost last in Virginia for per student funding, and working closely with the Council PTA, has shifted funding to a needs-based budget. Dr. Daugherty regularly meets with PTAs to listen to the challenges our families face and to offer help from his office. He works to honestly assess and improve the lives of our parents and teachers, and has worked hard to strengthen the partnership between PTAs and the schools. Dr. Daugherty regularly celebrate the successes of our PTA officers with his "Game Changer" awards.