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This bulletin is the first edition of a new monthly publication. I plan to make communication one of the hallmarks of my time here as your Superintendent of Schools. In the months ahead, I will share a variety of information of interest to our DCPS community.

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Although most people associate summer with vacations, many DCPS staff members are working hard to promote a successful 2010-2011 school year for our students.

- Our **Facilities** personnel are working diligently to make our buildings and grounds inviting places for the start of the new year. We thank them for their patience and flexibility as we utilize many of our spaces throughout the summer – especially for professional development and summer school. Our **Transportation Office** is busy with summer school and route planning for the fall. **The Food Services Office** is coordinating the summer school meals, closing out last year, and planning for the new year. **Finance** personnel are closing out the books from last year and getting payroll ready. **Information Technology** staff are servicing computers. And our **Office of Human Resources** is completing the hiring process for the coming year.
- Our **summer professional development** program for teachers, designed by the **supervisors** in the **Division of Instructional Services**, addresses a wide variety of instructional and curricular needs. Teachers are discovering new applications of technology, re-aligning curricula to emerging Common Core Standards, updating the benchmark program, and addressing graduation requirements such as financial literacy and environmental literacy.
- Our **Offices of Special Education, Guidance, and Student Services** continue their important work on behalf of children and families throughout the summer.
- **Summer School** has a new venue (C-SDHS) and emphasis this year. The traditional programs for grade promotion and credit recovery will be offered during the four full weeks of July. However, the majority of students will be engaged in an exciting new and proactive preview program in mathematics. Specifically, incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will get a “jump start” in pre-algebra, algebra, and geometry respectively. We are excited by the overwhelming response to this opportunity by students and parents at all three of our middle schools.
- Additionally, our **principals** are busy finalizing schedules and crafting plans for the coming year. Summer is an important time for school staff, because the organizations and schedules that are built now affect the entire school year.

- Finally, **Mr. Gary McCabe** and I are pleased to welcome **Mr. Lorenzo Hughes** to the Executive Team this month. Mr. Hughes comes to us from his most recent assignment as principal of Wicomico High School. We look forward to his creative energy and expertise on behalf of our children.

In closing, summer is a vitally important time for Dorchester County Public Schools. To those who are engaged in any of these and other activities, we say “thank you”, and remind you to “Sharpen the Saw” between now and the end of August.