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**Isle of Wight County Schools Announces
Administrative Changes for 2019—2020 School Year**

Isle of Wight Co., VA – May 10, 2019: Isle of Wight County Schools announces administrative changes in preparation for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Dr. Marsha Cale has been named the Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, beginning July 1. Cale came to the division in 2012 and served as an Assistant Principal at both Smithfield High and Windsor High. She is currently the principal at Westside Elementary School, a position she has held since 2015.

Jeffrey Todd Christiansen will serve at the new Principal at Westside Elementary School. Christiansen began his career as a Math teacher at Smithfield Middle School. For two years he served as the Assistant Principal at Georgie Tyler Middle School and, most recently, Assistant Principal at Smithfield High School.

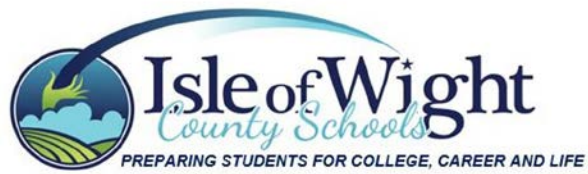
“Dr. Cale’s extensive knowledge of curriculum best practices and integrated professional learning strategies will ensure consistent, high-quality teaching and learning throughout the division,” said Superintendent Jim Thornton. “Mr. Christiansen’s commitment to providing students with a positive learning environment, as well as his focus on building strong relationships, make him a valuable asset to the Westside community.”

Jason Wheeler will be moving from Assistant Principal at Westside Elementary School to Assistant Principal at Smithfield High School. Jason has been with the division for one year.

Dr. Jessica Thomas will be moving from Assistant Principal at Smithfield Middle School to Assistant Principal at Westside Elementary School. She has been with IWCS since August of 2015.

The new Assistant Principal at Smithfield Middle School will be Deborah Oakes. Since joining the division in 2009, Oakes has served as a classroom teacher at Georgie Tyler Middle School, Windsor Elementary School and Carrollton Elementary School. She also has two years of experience as an Instructional Coach with IWCS.

Laura DeWees has been named the new Assistant Principal at Hardy Elementary School. In 2015, she joined the staff at Hardy as a classroom teacher and currently serves as a Reading Intervention teacher.



“Our goal is to establish a leadership team at each school that will most directly benefit our students and teachers,” said Thornton. “The strengths of each school administrator will complement their team and, together, move our schools forward as we prepare our students to be college, career and life ready.”

All of the changes will be effective July 1, 2019.

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