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Somerset County Public Schools Mission Statement

“Serving a rural, diverse community rooted in rich traditional values, Somerset County Public Schools empowers all students to become innovative problem-solvers and ethical leaders by providing engaging, technology enhanced instruction and balanced extra-curricular programs.”

OPENING STAFF WEEK **August 27, 2018 – August 30, 2018**

Dear Colleagues,

Somerset County Public Schools is fortunate to have a highly effective and professional staff. You make a difference in the lives of our students. I appreciate each of you for choosing to work in Somerset County Public Schools. I hope you had a restful summer and are ready to return to meet the challenges of the 2018-2019 school year. We sincerely believe we are moving in the right direction and it is not by chance but in direct proportion to your efforts and dedication. Please take note of the activities planned for Monday, August 27 through Thursday, August 30. In order to maximize time for important professional development, we will not be conducting an opening meeting for all staff. Buildings will be open on Friday, August 31 for anyone choosing to work in their classrooms.

Monday, August 27, 2018

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Teachers & Staff will attend and participate in county-directed Professional Development. Please check your e-mail for level and content locations. **NOTE:** Those who do not have a Professional Development session to attend should report to their home school to work in their classrooms or complete assigned duties by the school administration.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Teachers will work at their home schools (Negotiated Agreement; Article VI, 3e)

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Elementary:	Secondary
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM County Directed PD*	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM Principal Directed PD/Mtg.
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM Principal Directed PD/Mtg.	12:00 PM – 3:30 PM County Directed PD*
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Thursday, August 30, 2018

School Open House Schedules: (Staff work day will be 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM)

Deal Island Elementary: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Ewell: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

GES: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

PAES: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WES: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SIS: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Marion (SPA/STP): 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

J. M. Tawes: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

CAHS: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM; 5:30 PM for 8th Grade Orientation

WAHS: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM; 5:00 PM for 8th Grade Orientation

Friday, August 31, 2018

Ten month employees have this day off. All schools will be open for staff to work in their classrooms.

All custodians and 12-month employees will work on this day.

FNS staff will be notified by their school managers regarding their work status for this day.

I look forward to working with each of you as we collectively improve student achievement, build productive student relationships, and continue to move our system forward. Please enjoy the rest of your summer break. Our wonderful students return on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Sincerely,

John B. Gaddis, Ed. D.