



King and Queen County Public Schools

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Dear Royal Tiger Families,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Gifted Coordinator for King and Queen County Public Schools. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead and grow our program in this newly established role. I have spent my educational career working with gifted and talented learners in a variety of roles. Over the past sixteen years, I have served as both a gifted resource teacher and as a gifted and talented zone center classroom teacher in both Orange County and Henrico County. Throughout my career in working with diverse populations of gifted and high potential learners, my focus on equity, access, and advocacy has become an area of passion and personal commitment.

I am eager to bring my skills to King and Queen County in the context of this position and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success. As a new member of the King and Queen Family, my initial goal is to grow in my understanding of the current practices of the division, and the needs of each school. Building strong relationships with families, administration and staff will help in growing our program and navigating its continued success.

Partnered with administration, and instructional staff, we will focus on strengthening instructional opportunities for our gifted and advanced learners. Following the King and Queen way, we will maximize students' full potential with a focus on skills of communication, critical thinking, resiliency, and collaboration. We will implement differentiated educational experiences that enrich students' intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and the values and attitudes that will prepare them to be knowledgeable, contributing members of society.

My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year. I look forward to working with you to help nurture the potential of your child. My personal vision for Gifted and Talented education is 'UP' or *Unlocking Potential*, and I look forward to helping to unlock the potential within each student served in King and Queen County.

Best Regards,
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