

Greetings CBGS students, families, and alumni!

It is a tremendous honor to serve as your next director of The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School for Marine and Environmental Science! In many ways, this is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream that began with a young boy on the Nebraska prairie that desperately wanted to be a marine biologist when he grew up. While the route may have been circuitous, that boy is elated to find himself leading a school devoted to the study of marine life and the preservation of our precious ecosystems.

Like many aspects of life, Covid has disrupted the CBGS narrative for the last two years. Dr. Rachel Ball and the entire CBGS staff deserve a great deal of credit for negotiating those troubled waters to provide the best learning opportunities possible despite the many restrictions. We are all eager to get back to the unique elements that define the CBGS experience, including group project work, field studies in mountain streams and coastal waters, and growing a community of scholars that work collaboratively alongside each other. I can't wait to see what they accomplish together!

A little about me... I served the first nineteen years of my career as an English teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal in Richmond County Public Schools. For the last five years, I have also worked on a collaborative project between William and Mary and the Stanford School of Design (d.school) as a leadership training facilitator through a program called School Retool. I have an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska in English Education, a Masters from Virginia Commonwealth University in School Administration, and a doctorate from The College of William and Mary in Educational Planning, Policy, and Leadership.