



DDESS NEW YORK, VIRGINIA and PUERTO RICO

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the West Point Schools and School Year 2009-2010. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve the school age dependents of the military living aboard this installation. We look forward to meeting you and partnering with you to provide an exceptional educational experience for your children.

The West Point Schools are part of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) which serves the children of the military in many locations around the world. More specifically the West Point Schools are part of the DoDEA sub-group called the Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). The DDESS leadership is located in Peachtree City, GA and provides direct support to all of the DoDEA schools located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

In 2006, DoDEA leadership and key stakeholder representatives developed a Community Strategic Plan which guides our effort to continually seek to improve our programs and to meet the evolving needs of students in the 21st Century. The plan can be found at www.dodea.edu in its fullest context. Our main focus is Goal 1: Highest Student Achievement. There are three additional goals that focus on providing the support and resources to obtain the goals we have set for student achievement. You will hear much more about our School Improvement efforts from your individual schools.

We understand that the education of your children is very important to you as their parent. We stand ready to work through any concern that develops throughout the school year. Our principals are committed to understanding your concern and working to provide the appropriate solution to support your children's academic success.

We have an awesome opportunity to work with the students and families aboard this installation. The partnership that is solidly in place with the Command along with the partnership we develop with families is the cornerstone of what makes us an exceptional school system. We are committed to sharing in the responsibility of educating your children and we look forward to working with you to make this year a successful educational experience

I am looking forward to all that this school year has in store for your children and you.

Best wishes for an outstanding school year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Gould".

Mr. Michael A. Gould
District Superintendent
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