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## **Dr. Christopher Vail Appointed as New Director of Communications**

The School Board of Chesapeake Public Schools (CPS) approved Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton's recommendation to appoint **Dr. Christopher Vail** as the district's new Director of Communications. Dr. Vail will assume his new role on March 15, 2021.

Dr. Vail has more than 17 years of experience in education, all in Chesapeake Public Schools. He began his career as a Social Studies teacher at Western Branch High School and continued as a teacher at Great Bridge Middle School. After 8 years as a classroom teacher, Dr. Vail became a school administrator. He served in the role of assistant principal at the Chesapeake Alternative School (now known as the Chesapeake Center for Student Success), Oscar Smith Middle School, and Grassfield High School. During his 10 years as a building administrator, Dr. Vail assisted with project management, program initiatives, data analysis, conflict resolution, and fostering and maintaining community relationships.



Dr. Jared Cotton shared, "Dr. Vail brings a wealth of experience and perspective to his new role in the Communications Department. I am confident that his leadership and experience will contribute to the continued success of the team."

Dr. Vail holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Lynchburg, a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Virginia Polytechnic and State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from The George Washington University.

Dr. Vail is a devoted educator who believes that a strong partnership with the community builds an even stronger foundation for the school system. He will join a team that is highly focused on promoting communication strategies that are systematic, transparent, two-way, and comprehensive. "The Chesapeake Public Schools Communication Department has served a pivotal role throughout the last year. It is an honor to be able to serve alongside such dedicated individuals. We will continue to build upon this foundation to ensure that communicating with our families and community remains a top priority." said Dr. Vail.

Dr. Vail resides in Chesapeake with his wife Andrea and sons Connor and Hayden.