



Dr. Micah C. Stauffer

Dr. Micah Stauffer has served Wicomico County students, families, staff, and the community for over 20 years. As a teacher, coach, and educational leader, he strongly believes that all students have value and ability, and the priority of a school system should always be to support every individual student in achieving success. He utilizes his unwavering values and attributes, leadership skills, knowledge, and experience to support students and staff, placing a heavy emphasis on collaboration, communication, school climate, and organizational culture. Collaborative problem solving is a priority for Dr. Stauffer as he recognizes that the success of a school system depends on educators, parents, community members, and elected officials all working together.

Dr. Stauffer was first hired by Wicomico County Public Schools as a substitute teacher, and in 1998 began teaching science at Parkside High School where he also coached baseball and golf. He served as an assistant principal at Wicomico Middle School and Mardela Middle and High School. As principal of Mardela Middle and High School and Parkside High School, Dr. Stauffer demonstrated a passionate commitment to ensuring that all students receive opportunities to succeed at the highest levels. During his tenure as Director of Secondary Education, he provided instructional and organizational leadership to all middle and high schools. He worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for Career and Technology Education programs, virtual learning pathways, and high school dual enrollment coursework in partnership with institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Stauffer currently serves as the Chief Finance and Operations Officer where he has expanded his breadth of knowledge to all aspects of the school system by leading the areas of finance, human resources, employee relations, policy review and development, food and nutrition services, planning and construction, facilities, maintenance, operations, and energy. In this role, Dr. Stauffer has led the Division of Business and Operations to implement practices and technology to ensure school environments are safe and healthy, as well as ensure that budget development is a transparent process. During his tenure, federal funding has been efficiently utilized to initiate school renovation projects and Wicomico County Public Schools has received awards from the Association of School Business Officials and the Government Finance Officers Association for excellent financial reporting. Among other key responsibilities, Dr. Stauffer also serves on the School Building Commission and was appointed by the Wicomico County Board of Education and the Wicomico County Council to oversee the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in Wicomico County. This landmark legislation provides for the expansion of early childhood education, college and career readiness, resources to ensure student success, the development of teachers and leaders, and governance and accountability.

Dr. Stauffer is a 1991 graduate of Wicomico High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, his Master's degree from Salisbury University, and his Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership—District Administration from Wilmington University. A lifelong resident of Wicomico County, he and his wife, Dana reside in Salisbury with their daughter who attends James M. Bennett. Their son, a graduate of James M. Bennett, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, where he currently attends. As a member of the Wicomico Tourism and Civic Center Commission, and through his active involvement at Emmanuel Church Fruitland and the Fruitland Adopt-A-Block program, Dr. Stauffer demonstrates a strong belief in the importance of community and servant leadership.