



# GULF SHORES

## CITY SCHOOLS

### Superintendent Update

Wow! It's certainly a great time to be a Gulf Shores Dolphin. As we finish our first full week as Gulf Shores City Schools, I can still feel the excitement in the air. With excitement comes expectations and we are diligently working everyday to provide a rigorous and personalized education to all students. There have been a few bumps in the road, but we are addressing them quickly. We are still making tweaks to the car line and I am pleased that the wait time is improving. Additionally, we have worked with our contractor to add approximately 70 student parking spaces to GSHS. The work should be completed next week. Our ultimate goal with the current renovation project is to provide a safe and secure learning environment and we certainly want our community to be proud of where our kids attend school.

The exterior improvements to our schools are aligned with improvements that are happening inside our classrooms. Our teachers and administrators have worked all summer to make improvements to the curriculum. For example, we have adopted new textbooks for language arts in grades K-12 that will raise the rigor in classes and help our teachers personalize learning. Be on the lookout for details about exciting new classes that we are offering this year!

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to all of you who have made this week happen.

Go Dolphins!

Matt Akin  
Superintendent  
Gulf Shores City Schools