

Dr. Marcus J. Newsome, Superintendent, Chesterfield County (VA) Public Schools



Total No. of Students: 58,707

Total Annual Budget: \$533 Million

Dr. Marcus J. Newsome was appointed superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools in 2006. With more than 58,000 students, Chesterfield County Public Schools is the fifth-largest school division in Virginia and the 67th-largest district in the United States.

As the school division's chief executive officer, he is a child-centered educator who has implemented creative and innovative initiatives to promote student success. During the recent economic recession, revenues for school operations and facilities were reduced by more than \$200 million, yet Dr. Newsome calmly and strategically made courageous decisions to successfully guide the school district through the most challenging times in modern history. Under his leadership, the school district continues to maintain an exemplary reputation and remains a first choice for families seeking a quality education for their children.

Before moving to Chesterfield, Dr. Newsome served as superintendent of Newport News Public Schools, where all high schools were ranked by Newsweek magazine as among America's Best High Schools. Dr. Newsome has also worked in Prince George's County (Md.) Public Schools, the 17th-largest school system in the country with more than 130,000 students, serving as a regional executive director, director of student support programs and principal. He began his career as an art teacher and later became a mathematics teacher in the District of Columbia Public Schools, where he also worked as a curriculum writer and dean of students.

Dr. Newsome's current membership, committees and board appointments include

- University of Virginia K-12 Advisory Council, Vice Chair
- Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Superintendents Steering Committee, Chair
- Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium, Chair
- MathScience Innovation Center, Board of Directors (Former Chair)
- Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond, Board of Directors
- Bridging Richmond, Board of Directors
- Appomattox Regional Governor's School Board
- Virginia Association of School Superintendents, Mentor Superintendent
- America Association of School Administrators
- National Association of School Boards
- Virginia Association of School Boards
- Administration of Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Mega Mentors, Founder

Dr. Newsome has served on numerous committees and boards including

- Governor's (Tim Kaine) Education Transition Policy Committee, Chair
- Harvard University, Associate in Practice
- College of William and Mary School University Research Network, Chair
- Virginia Superintendents Region III Study Group, Chair
- Virginia Superintendents Region I Study Group, Vice Chair
- Virginia Association of School Superintendents Legislative Committee, Chair
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, Board of Directors
- Boy Scouts of America-Colonial Virginia Council, Board of Directors
- Newport News Family University Network, Founder

Dr. Newsome earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Bowie State University in Maryland, a doctorate in religious education from International Seminary in Plymouth, Fla., a master's degree in administration and supervision from Bowie State University and a bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina. Dr. Newsome is the recipient of numerous awards, including the FBI Community Service Award, Virginia Region 1 Superintendent of the Year Award, Presidential Citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education and Virginia School Board Association Award of Distinction. He has served in children and youth ministry for more than 20 years. Dr. Newsome is married to a teacher and has three children.