



**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Cluster I

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Falls Church, VA 22042

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Dear Timber Lane Staff Members and Parents,

I am proud to announce that Jim Quinn, currently the assistant principal of Timber Lane Elementary School, has been appointed as principal of Timber Lane Elementary School. His official start date will be Monday, March 2, 2009.

Jim has had 11 successful years as an educator, including 3 years as an administrator in the Fairfax County Public School System (FCPS) and 8 years as a teacher. He began his career in FCPS teaching third and fifth grade at Forestdale Elementary School. Additionally, he has served as an assistant principal intern at Lee High School, taught second grade in Prince George's County, and served as a reading specialist at a private academy.

Jim is no stranger to Timber Lane Elementary and comes to this position with a wealth of instructional experiences. He has worked closely with school staff to support and maintain the highly effective Literacy Collaborative program and knows that children learn best when families work in partnership with the school. Jim understands the importance of regular school attendance in a child's life and will not hesitate to visit students and parents at home to illustrate that point; some of you may have already had the pleasure of one of his cheerful morning visits. Jim has spent his entire career creating stimulating learning environments where teachers and students are honored, respected, and above all, encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

Jim received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from The Pennsylvania State University and a Masters of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Virginia Tech University.

In addition to his love of teaching, Jim enjoys outdoor activities with his family and "night time" reading to his son, Thomas. He is thrilled about continuing the long-standing traditions of Timber Lane Elementary and looks forward to helping the school realize new and exciting adventures. Please join me in welcoming Jim Quinn as the new principal of Timber Lane Elementary School.

Sincerely,

*Audra Sydnor*

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Assistant Superintendent, Cluster I