

# VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear J.L. Lomax Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents,

Welcome to a new year! My name is Tony E. Burgman, and I am extremely excited about the 2017-2018 school year. I was born and raised in Lowndes County, and I graduated from the Lowndes County School System. Upon graduation, I enrolled at Valdosta State University (VSU) where I received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Broad-field Science in 1999. However, I did not seek a teaching position immediately. I was consumed with the idea of driving big trucks all over the United States. I spent two years driving across the nation delivering goods to consumers. Once that venture was satisfied, I made a decision to change my career in order to spend more time with my family. Years later I earned a Masters of Management and Administration of Educational Programs in 2004 and a Specialist in Curriculum/Instruction Management and Administration in 2007 from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In order to make a positive change for the betterment of my community. I've always wanted to give back by educating young minds. My teaching career began at J.L. Newbern where I taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade science for five years. In 2013 I transferred to the Pinevale Learning Center, which has been renamed the Maceo A. Horne Learning Center. My various roles in the Valdosta City School System have equipped me for such a time as this.

I promise to continue to do my best to maintain the Lomax pride and dedication. I am an addition to the perseverance of those processes that were successful and a problem solver for those that were unsuccessful. I am here to assist, support, and guide this staff in continued success.

My goal this year is to continue to improve my relationships with parents, staff, and students. Though our lives are consumed with a plethora of circumstances, we are people as our scholars are and we must take care of each other. We must exist as a constantly evolving learning community, which has the ability to adapt to any circumstance. There must be commitment to the vision we create, and no matter what we encounter, we must see it through together.

I am looking to forward to a "**first-class**" year and remember "**Everyone Matters**".

Sincerely,

*Mr. Tony E. Burgman*

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