

DR. CARL THOMAS POTTER, SUPT.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

“It’s About the Kids”



Superintendent C. Thomas Potter, Morgan County Schools

While Dr. Carl Thomas Potter currently serves as superintendent of Morgan County, he is certainly no stranger to the district or education. Following employment by the Wolfe County Board of Education as a permanent substitute teacher of special education, grades (1-7), Dr. Potter began his career in Morgan County as a high school social studies teacher and in 2000, was selected as the middle school assistant principal where he served for a year before his eleven year tenure as principal of East Valley Elementary. In 2012, Dr. Potter was named superintendent of Elliott County Schools, serving in that role until returning to Morgan County in July of 2017.

In addition to an educational career, and perhaps one of the most telling of his character, comes from his service as a Kentucky Army National Guard Captain, where he was responsible for the training, coordination, planning and supervision of Company C

206 Engineer Battalion. “A well-deserved honor for a long-time friend, fellow principal and superintendent,” said Victoria Oldfield, Morgan County High School Principal. “You never have to wonder where Dr. Potter stands when it comes to his country, his family, his friends and most importantly the students in which he has been charged to serve.”

Dr. Potter is an active learner and recently co-authored a series of books about the transition periods from elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and high school to post-secondary education and recently presented the works during a DA leadership institute held in Coronado, California. As superintendent, Dr. Potter has been instrumental in a number of initiatives including, but not limited to the following:

- Expansion of career counseling via Jobs for America’s Graduates
- Expansion of mental health services for students
- Expansion of federal grant opportunities
- Development of the first Morgan County Superintendent’s Student Advisory Group
- Implementation of Student Soft Skills Instruction
- Implementation of a revised district-wide, multi-tier academic and behavioral support system
- Reorganization of leadership in five schools
- Reorganization of alternative education, including the first PBIS

system in an alternative setting

- Development of career courses for middle grade students
- Collaborative development of the first Google Classroom in an alternative setting
- Continuous recognition of students
- Establishment of a cross-training platform for all district administrators and staff

“Dr. Potter strives to provide support that fosters success for all students. His ability to sell ideas that may seem to be “gloom and doom” and turn them into positive opportunities to improve our educational product has been key to completing many initiatives in his tenure. His passion to build capacity within our organization – colleagues and students – shines as one of his greatest strengths,” Ralph W. Hamilton, Ed. D.

Under the leadership of Dr. Potter, from the ground breaking of the new high school, continuous collaboration with law enforcement and first responders, and a continued push for Morgan County Schools to become an Energy Star District, earning the title of KSBA’s Battle of the Buildings, he has worked for the betterment of the students and employees. In addition, Dr. Potter serves as the KASA New Superintendent Mentor to the Floyd County Superintendent.

WHAT FOLKS ARE SAYING:

- ◆ **“It’s about the kids, he puts the kids first.”**
- Mr. Jason VanHoose, Morgan County Food Service & Technology Director
- ◆ **“Dr. Potter worked in collaboration with the board to provide additional supports for our school to assist in meeting the needs of our students.”**
- Mrs. Amanda Lee, Principal East Valley Elementary School
- ◆ **“I am thrilled that others see what I see everyday from Dr. Potter and excited that he’s being recognized for all of the wonderful things he’s doing for Morgan Co. Students!”**
- Mrs. Amber Adams, Principal Wrigley Elementary
- ◆ **“I can honestly say that Dr. Potter is one of the most engaged, focused, and supportive leaders I have know.”**
- Mr. Tim Murphy, Architect and Owner of The Murphy Group
- ◆ **“Dr. Potter has proven himself to be a strong leader who recognizes the strengths in others and a pillar in our community who always stands for what is right.”**
- Mrs. Ashley Pelfrey, Principal Morgan County Middle School