



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Olga Ross. I am happy to be back to school and start another year at our amazing school.

This year is going to look and feel quite different for all of us. During the time of uncertainty and volatility I want to assure you that I will do anything I can to offer supports to our students and our Hoggard families.

As a school counselor, I provide preventative, comprehensive program that supports all Mabel Hoggard students. My primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career and social emotional development to the students. I usually meet with students individually, in small groups or I conduct classroom lessons. I also collaborate with stakeholders to implement responsive, preventative services that meet the needs of all students and ensure that they reach their highest potential. I organize special events such Respect Week, Peace Week or Career Week. I also work with families and students who need special accommodations in a general education setting (504 plan).

One of the main goals of school counselors is to help make school communities a safe and respectful place to learn and grow. Seeing students succeed both academically and emotionally has always been a strong passion of mine and I love to guide them during this important time of their lives.

When I meet with students, I provide students with short-term solution –focused counseling. Please understand that I am not a licensed therapist and I am not allowed to conduct therapeutic sessions with children. If a student needs long-term intensive services, I can refer him/her to a therapist or agency in the community.

Additionally, I have various community resources available for you. For example, I have resources for tutoring, social service programs, behavioral programs, parenting classes, community support groups, grief counseling, college saving options and many other community organizations information. I also serve as CCSD Title I Homeless program advocate, work with Foster children, Three Square Foodbank program, School Bell (provide clothing) and other community agencies. I can also refer you to a school social worker if you would need additional support for your family.

If you ever have a need, please do not hesitate to contact me! Your personal information/ situation remains confidential with me, with few exceptions (at times administration may need to be informed of certain situations to ensure safety and optimal success of each student).

The best way to reach me this year is through email rossos1@nv.ccsd.net

Also, please check out the Counselor's corner on our school web site for resources and information.

I look forward to the opportunity to assist you and your child/children.

Thank you!

Olga Ross