

## DEEPER INSIGHTS Episode 6: Deeper Voice

Guests: Kambar Khoshaba, Ginny Gills, and David Wickham

Host: Chris Jones



*Kambar Khoshaba*



*Ginny Gills*



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**S. Kambar Khoshaba** is currently serving his eighth year as principal at Western Branch Middle School. Born in Newport News, Virginia, Dr. Khoshaba attended Christopher Newport University, Radford University, and The George Washington University. Having spent his entire career in Chesapeake Public Schools, Dr. Khoshaba has served children in the Western Branch and South Norfolk communities as a school psychologist, special education teacher, wrestling coach, and building administrator. When he's not working, Dr. Khoshaba enjoys spending time with his wife, Melissa, and their daughters. Some of his favorite hobbies include gardening, watching movies, and playing board games with his family. Dr. Khoshaba is passionate about providing equitable services to students, with a laser focus on student leadership and student voice. In 2019, Dr. Khoshaba was recognized as the Administrator of the Year by the Virginia Student Council Association. Most recently, he was recognized as 2021 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year of Virginia by the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals.

**Virginia Silveira Gills "Ginny"** is the principal of Cumberland Elementary School in Cumberland, Va. A proud Longwood University Alumna, Ginny serves on the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals Board of Directors. She is the Vice-Chairman of the Longwood University College of Education and Human Services Advisory Board, and serves on the Southside Virginia Community College Board. Ginny is a UVA SCOPE 13 "graduate", and a 2019 VASCD Award Recipient. Virginia Silveira Gills "Ginny" is the principal of Cumberland Elementary School in Cumberland, Va. A proud Longwood University Alumna, Ginny serves on the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals Board of Directors. She is the Vice-Chairman of the Longwood University College of Education and Human Services Advisory Board, and serves on the Southside Virginia Community College Board. Ginny is a UVA SCOPE 13 "graduate", and a 2019 VASCD Award Recipient. Ginny is passionate about building relationships and is intentional about creating memorable moments for students and staff, as well as providing a variety of family engagement opportunities throughout the year. She enjoys sharing her learning around this work with other educators, and investing time connecting with and learning from her PLN. Outside of learning, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Ryan, on their family farm in Cartersville, Virginia.

**David Wickham** just completed his 15<sup>th</sup> year as a history teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary in Fairfax County where he is also the girls varsity soccer coach. David is a Project Based Learning (PBL) Support Teacher for FCPS in addition to being Google Certified, a FlipGrid Student Voice Ambassador as well as a Common Sense Educator. David's passion for education lies in the power of building strong meaningful relationships with his school and community. David earned his BS in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences as well as his Masters of Arts in Teaching Social Studies from James Madison University. David lives in Northern Virginia with his wife, who is a middle school English teacher, and his two year old daughter. In his free time he can be found on the soccer field, planning Disney trips or playing with his daughter. David is on all social at @MrWickhamLB.

**Chris Jones** began his education career after serving 6 years in the US Army as an Airborne Ranger. He is now the proud Principal of Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County. Prior to his appointment there, he served as a math teacher at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach City Public Schools, a Teacher Leader with the Center for Teacher Leadership, and an Assistant Principal at Sussex Central Elementary School and Floyd E. Kellam High School in VBCPS. In addition to serving as principal, he is adjunct faculty with The George Washington University and a board member for the Virginia Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, where he Chairs the Programs Committee. Dr. Jones is a proud husband and father of four