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| **Lisbon Staffing Update** |
| **Tuesday, September 29, 2020**  Please join me in welcoming Jessica Massey to our Lisbon family. Ms. Massey joins Lisbon Elementary School as our new Counselor, bringing  a variety of experiences that will only enhance what we offer our students!  Please enjoy her letter to the community below:    Hello and warm wishes Lisbon Elementary School Parents!  My name is Jess Massey and I am the new school counselor for Lisbon Elementary School. I am very excited to be a part of your wonderful community! I moved to Sykesville, Maryland this summer from Springfield, Virginia and I am eager to get to know and work with each of you and your children this school year.  I received both my Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. I studied Psychology as an undergraduate before returning to George Mason to earn my Masters of Education in School Counseling and Development. Last year, I worked as one of the high school counselors for West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia and had a caseload of approximately 400 students. Prior to my high school counseling position, I interned at a Title I elementary school and a secondary school in Virginia. I have a variety of counseling and mental health experiences, which include working directly with diverse patients at an outpatient psychiatric facility in Reston, Virginia for over four years. In addition, I was a team member and mentor for children and adolescents in the Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (H.A.C.A.N) program during my undergraduate studies.  I grew up overseas in countries such as Indonesia and Qatar, which contributed to my multicultural competence and compassion. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, yoga, painting, movies, concerts, hiking, and spending time with friends, family, and my beloved dog, Pnuma.  I am thrilled to be a member of the Lisbon community! I look forward to connecting with and supporting our students to optimize their scholastic, social, and emotional wellbeing and achievements.  Once my Canvas page is activated, I will be able to organize individual sessions and lunch-bunches with students. I can be reached through my school email at jessica\_massey@hcpss.org. I am also available to contact you through Google Meet for scheduled consultations or phone conferences through Google Voice. Thank you! Go Lions!  Sincerely,  **Jess Massey, M. Ed.**  **School Counselor**  **Lisbon Elementary School** |