J. Michael Lunsford
Middle School

Building a legacy of excellence
Agenda

• Introductions
• Who are we?
• Starting Points
• Construction Process
• Student Involvement
• Future Steps

• Parent Organization Discussion
Introductions

• Neil Slevin, Principal

• Patty Christian, Bookkeeper
Neil Slevin

- Middle School teacher, Dean, and Assistant Principal
- Opened River Bend Middle School as a History teacher
- Opened Stone Hill Middle School as an Assistant Principal
- Virginia Tech alumni
- Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton
Neil Slevin

- Grew up in Falls Church, VA
- Married to Anna, a Language Arts teacher in Fairfax County
- New father of twins – Kate and Frank
Who was J. Michael Lunsford?

- Director of Transportation, 1995-2009
- Over 40 years of service to Loudoun County
- Began career as a bus driver at 16 years old
- Well loved and respected within the Loudoun County community for his leadership and kindness
Lunsford – Who are we?

- Where are we coming from? - Elementary

Arcola  Buffalo Trail  Hutchison Farm
Little River  Liberty  Pinebrook
Lunsford – Who are we?

• Where are we coming from? - Middle
Lunsford – Who are we?

- 2011-2012 Projected Enrollment – 1190 students
Lunsford – Who are we?

- 54% White
- 26% Black
- 8% Asian
- 5% Hispanic
- 0% American Indian
- 8% Multi-Racial
Starting Points

Results ➔ Focus

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Focus ➔ Effective Instruction

Effective Instruction ➔ Collaboration

Collaboration ➔ Positive Relationships

Positive Relationships ➔ High Expectations

High Expectations ➔ Results
Focus

“To increase student learning, approach it directly, and bring the energy of everyone in the school to bear on the effort.”

- Joyce and Showers
Effective Instruction

1/ What do we want all kids to know?
   - Curriculum

2/ How will we know when they have learned it?
   - Assessment

3/ How will we respond when they haven’t?
   - Instruction

4/ How will we respond when they already know it?
   - Instruction
Collaboration

“Work on building a professional community that is characterized by shared purpose, collaborative activity, and collective responsibility among staff.”

- Newmann and Wehlage
Positive Relationships

Respect
Competence
Personal Regard
Integrity
High Expectations

“Expectations explain a good deal of what we see when we visit a classroom – both the good and the bad, the productive and the wasteful.”

- Saphier and Gower
Results

“Data almost always points to action – it is the enemy of comfortable routines.”

- Schmoker
Goals for J. Michael Lunsford Middle School

• Be a school for all learners
  ▫ Do whatever it takes to ensure student learning
  ▫ Close the achievement gap
  ▫ Increase the rigor of and supports for student learning
  ▫ Collaborative Teaming
  ▫ Be a model of academic excellence
Goals for J. Michael Lunsford Middle School

• Build positive and collaborative relationships throughout the school community
  ▫ Interdisciplinary teaming
  ▫ Caring/Reflective teachers and staff
  ▫ Parent/Community Involvement
  ▫ Rich extracurricular program
  ▫ Diverse recognition of success
Construction Update
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- Increase day lighting and views
- Increase energy and water efficiency
- Use of low emission materials
- Use of recycled materials and finishes
- Installed track
- Skylights in the cafeteria
- Stairs!
- Historical Cemetery
Construction Update

- Solar Voltaic system that will feed electric power back to the electric grid
- Solar domestic water heating system
- Tree conservation areas
- The two storm water ponds
- Storm water "Rain gardens" in some parking areas
- Wood guardrails instead of the usual galvanized metal guardrails
Student involvement

- Students have nominated and voted on the mascot.
Student involvement

- **5th grade visits**
  - Lunsford, Stone Hill, and Mercer staff will be visiting elementary schools to discuss middle school
  - Elementary schools will visit their current middle school for a tour later in the year.
  - Principal visits to Mercer and Stone Hill
- **Student “Dream Teams”**
Student involvement

- **We want to hear from you!**
  - An invitation to students to write to the school has been posted to our website.
  - Any student who writes will receive a free school spirit item.
Important Dates

- Parent Question and Answer Opportunities
  - Hutchison Farm – 2/8, 8:30am
  - Buffalo Trail – 2/18, 9:30am
  - Mercer Middle – 2/17, 7:00pm
  - Little River – 2/22, 8:30am
  - Liberty – 2/23, 7:00pm
Important Dates

• Curriculum Nights

  ▫ Rising Lunsford 6\textsuperscript{th} Graders
    • Mercer Middle School, 2/7 – 7:00pm
  ▫ Rising 7\textsuperscript{th} and 8\textsuperscript{th} Graders
    • Mercer Middle School, 2/8 – 7:00pm
  ▫ Rising 6\textsuperscript{th} Graders
    • Stone Hill Middle School, 2/16, 6:30pm
  ▫ Rising 7\textsuperscript{th} and 8\textsuperscript{th} Graders
    • Stone Hill Middle School, 2/3, 8:30am
What we need from you

- Visit out website – http://www.lcps.org/lunsford
- Your excitement!
- Your input – Family Survey
- Opportunities for Business Partnerships
- Summer volunteers – depending on permits
  - Library move in
  - Unpacking Science labs
  - Music Equipment
  - Textbooks
  - Physical Education Equipment
What will we become?