



Loudoun County Public Schools Media Release

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Ashburn, VA (November 17, 2022) - Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) is partnering with local leaders in the health and medical sciences to offer real-world experience to LCPS middle school students. Building Learning Opportunities and Options in Medical Sciences, or BLOOM, is a collaborative effort between LCPS, the Loudoun Education Foundation (LEF) and Inova Health System, who awarded a \$12,000 Inova Health Equity Grant to fund the program.

BLOOM will be a learning exploration day involving students from six LCPS middle schools involving hands-on activities surrounding the many possibilities of careers in the health and medical sciences. “BLOOM is a wonderful example of the intersection of authentic learning experiences, community partnerships, and college and career readiness opportunities,” stated Renee Dawson, Assistant Director of CTE CS and Community Connections. “It is going to be an exciting day for our students to really see so many available possibilities and I hope it will spark and inspire them.” Over 200 students are expected to participate at Seneca Ridge Middle School (Nov 21) and J. L. Simpson Middle School (Nov 22).

Students will have the opportunity to speak directly to experts in various fields surrounding health, science and medicine, while discussing vital topics, such as why the future of health and medical sciences is important to all of us. “In healthcare, planning for the future is vitally important, and a huge part of that is fostering a diverse, local workforce that represents the communities we serve,” said Leigh Guarirnello, Director of Community Health Programs. “We at Inova are so excited to collaborate and inspire Loudoun youth.” Hands-on activities will include interaction with organizations like Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

BLOOM is another example of LCPS' commitment to maintaining a rigorous learning environment as the foundation for student growth. "This two-day event truly captures the mission of the Loudoun Education Foundation, to leverage community resources to enhance public education," stated Danielle Nadler, Executive Director of the Loudoun Education Foundation. "We're thankful for partners like Inova Health System who are working alongside LCPS educators to develop classroom-to-career pathways."

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