

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON WINDSOR MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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INFORMATION

To provide the Board of Education an update on the new Windsor Mill Middle School scheduled for opening on August 28, 2006.

Attachment I – Overview

Windsor Mill Middle School

Overview

Windsor Mill Middle is the first middle school to be built in Baltimore County in 22 years. It is a Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics (STEM) Academy, with a state-rated capacity of 720 students. Located at 8300 Windsor Mill Road, the school has a three-story main building with 30 classrooms and a one-story wing that houses fine arts facilities, Media Center, Gymnasium, Cafetorium and Administrative and Support Staff Suites. As part of the infrastructure, Windsor Mill Middle School will have video conferencing capability.

The Staff - WMMS Administrative Team /Staff

The staff consists of 57.0 FTE which includes 39 teachers, 3 administrators, 8 custodians, and 7 para-professionals.

Curriculum

A comprehensive curriculum of reading, mathematics, English/ language arts (including handwriting and spelling), science, social studies, health, music, art, and physical education will be provided to our students. In addition, we will provide a state-of-the art facility in the areas of family and consumer science, technology education, and a Renaissance 2200 System world language lab (Spanish). Computers and other instructional media (radio and TV studio) are used as tools to help teach fundamental skills and critical thinking strategies. Student service learning opportunities, values education, and multicultural awareness are imbedded throughout Windsor Mill Middle School curriculum.

Gifted and talented programs are offered to our students. Special education instruction, based on a written individualized education plan developed by parents and school personnel, is delivered in the least restrictive environment. Windsor Mill Middle School provides a fully inclusive learning environment where students with disabilities are educated along side students who are not disabled whenever appropriate.

Support Services

Comprehensive guidance services, a registered professional school nurse and breakfast and lunch program is provided to our students on a daily basis. Fifteen (15) buses will transport our students.

Professional/Staff Development

The 2006-2007 Professional/Staff Development Plans, focusing on teachers, students, parents and community/business partners include, but are not limited to the following: data analysis; developing, implementing and monitoring of our School Improvement Plan and Focus Plan; learning styles and learning preference inventory; creating a safe and orderly learning environment conducive to the delivery of relevant and rigorous instructional program; the new *Language!* and Mathematics curriculum; using and implementing technology including OUTLOOK training; effective student/teacher/parent conferencing and building teams and positive school/home relationships; appraisal process; the VideoSafari SystemDestiny Library Textbook Management System; the Connect-ED® system; and the CollegeEd focus.

Business Partnerships

The following businesses have agreed to be partners: *Northwest Hospital, United Health Care and University of Maryland in collaboration with Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks - After School Program*