



February 12, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Beginning February 12, 2016, we will accept applications for Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation (PLDMSFI) for the **2016-2017** school year. PLDMSFI will provide students with a variety of innovative, exciting, and challenging instructional experiences which employ the latest trends in educational technology and instructional methodologies. Students attending Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation will also have the opportunity to participate in additional instructional activities such as, drama, marine science, herpetology, foreign language, television studio, science, technology, engineering, and math. Moreover, the programs will continue to

- drive division-wide changes in curriculum and instructional methodologies;
- explore alternate methods of student assessment;
- stress creativity and developmentally appropriate practices in all grades;
- integrate curriculum offerings;
- emphasize the use of instructional technology;
- expand hands-on math and science experiences; and
- offer a wide variety of foreign language and performing arts activities.

The Evening of Innovation at PLDMSFI located at 12th & Polk Streets will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00PM.

We encourage all eligible students to consider applying for enrollment at PLDMSFI. If you reside in the student attendance zone for PLDMSFI, your child will automatically be assigned. **If you do not live in this student attendance zone and you wish to apply, please complete the application on the reverse side and return the completed application to the department of information technology at the School Administration Building by 4:30PM on March 18, 2016.** Each application will be reviewed by a selection committee and students will be scored on their academic record, behavior, SOL achievement and interest statement.

We have a comprehensive array of special education services at the schools for innovation. Some special education services are so unique, however, that they are available only through division-wide programs housed at specific schools. We will review each child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to determine whether we can implement the IEP at PLDMSFI.

Should you have further questions or need additional school information, please contact Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation at 515-5310. You may also contact me at 515-5070.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

**STUDENT APPLICATION FOR 2016-2017
 PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR INNOVATION**

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| Name of Student _____ | | | |
| (Please Print) | | | |
| Last | First | Middle | |
| Address _____ | | | |
| Street Address | | | Apt. # |
| City | | State | Zip |
| Parent/Guardian _____ | | Telephone Number _____ | |

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| Is the student presently attending the Lynchburg City Schools? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Name of School _____ Grade _____ | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Please complete the following information: | | | |
| Birthdate _____ | | | Sex _____ |
| Month | Day | Year | Grade _____ |
| Name of the school the child is currently attending _____ | | | |
| Will the child be entering 6th grade in Fall 2016? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If no, what grade will the child enter for the 2016-2017 school year? | | | Grade _____ |
| List any siblings who are attending or have attended Dunbar. _____ | | | |

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| Our family has an interest in the following innovations for our child: (check all that apply) | |
| NOTE: The student should write an interest statement below. This statement will be scored based on interest in the academic programs. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science Center <input type="checkbox"/> Herpetology Center <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science Center (Laserium) <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language <input type="checkbox"/> Television Studio <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) | |
| Student's statement: I want to attend Paul Laurence Dunbar because _____ | |
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| Parent/Guardian - Please Note: | |
| Completion and receipt of the application ensures that the student will be considered for selection, but does not guarantee placement at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation. Applications must be received at the School Administration Building in the department of information technology by 4:30PM on <u>March 18, 2016</u>. | |
| I certify that the information given on this application is accurate. I understand that any misstatement of facts will disqualify the student from becoming a candidate for selection To Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation. I understand that, if selected, should my child continuously reside within Lynchburg City, he/she will remain at Paul Laurence Dunbar School for Innovation until he/she progresses to high school. | |
| Parent Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| Student academic, behavior and SOL records and interest statements will be reviewed to determine eligibility. | |
| DO NOT WRITE IN SPACE BELOW – CENTRAL OFFICE USE ONLY: | |
| DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: | MINIMUM SCORE: 7 |
| Interest: /2 Grades: /2 Discipline: /2 SOL R: /2 SOL M: /2 | |
| Sibling: /1 Focus Prog: /1 TOTAL: | |