



February 17, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are now accepting applications for Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation (PLDMSFI) for the **2017-2018** school year. PLDMSFI provides students with a variety of innovative, exciting, and challenging instructional experiences. Students attending Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation have the opportunity to participate in instructional activities such as drama, marine science, herpetology, foreign language, television studio, science, technology, engineering, and math. Moreover, as a school for innovation, PLDMSFI is a leader in the division by:

- Innovating and integrating curriculum and instructional methodologies that engage students;
- Exploring alternate methods of student assessment;
- Stressing creativity and developmentally appropriate practices in all grades;
- Emphasizing the use of instructional technology; and
- Expanding hands-on math and science experiences.

Families interested in learning more about the opportunities at PLDMSFI should attend the **Evening of Innovation at PLDMSFI on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:00PM**. The school is located at 12th & Polk Streets.

If you reside in the student attendance zone for PLDMSFI, your child will automatically be assigned to Dunbar and you need not apply through this application process.

If you do not live in this student attendance zone and you wish to apply, complete and return the application on the reverse side in one of two ways:

- **Hand-deliver the completed application to the School Administration Building by 4:30PM on March 17, 2017; or**
- **Mail the completed application with a postmark no later than March 13, 2017.**

Please do not return applications to the school. The application must be mailed or hand-delivered to the LCS School Administration Building, 915 Court St., Lynchburg, VA 24505.

Each application will be reviewed by a selection committee. Student academic, attendance, and discipline records will be a part of the review process along with the interest statement.

For an applicant who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), we will review the IEP to determine whether we can implement the IEP at PLDMSFI. Some special education services are so unique that they are available only through division-wide programs at specific schools.

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 my office at 515-5070.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

**STUDENT APPLICATION FOR 2017-2018
 PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR INNOVATION**

Name of Student _____
 (Please Print) Last First Middle
Address _____
 Street Address Apt. #

 City State Zip
Parents/Guardians _____ **Telephone Number** _____

Is the student presently attending the Lynchburg City Schools?

Yes Name of School _____ Grade _____

No Please complete the following information:

Name of the school the child is currently attending _____

Birthdate _____ Sex _____ Grade _____
 Month Day Year

Will the child be entering 6th grade in Fall 2017? Yes No

If no, what grade will the child enter for the 2017-2018 school year? _____

List any siblings who are currently attending Dunbar:

Name _____ Current Grade _____

If a sibling is also applying to Dunbar, list: Name _____ Current Grade _____

Student's statement: I want to attend Paul Laurence Dunbar because

Parents/Guardians - Please Note:
 Completion and receipt of the application ensures that the student will be **considered** for selection, but does not guarantee placement at PLDMSFI. **Applications must be hand-delivered at the School Administration Building by 4:30PM on March 17, 2017 or mailed with a postmark of March 13, 2017 or earlier.**

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, as long as s/he maintains a strong record of academics, behavior, and attendance.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student academic, behavior, and attendance records, as well as the interest statement will be reviewed to determine eligibility.