Largo High School

June 7, 2018
6:30-7:30 PM
Introductions

● Area 3
  ○ Dr. McGuire

● Largo Administrative Team
  ○ Dr. Mirshah
  ○ Ms. Goforth - 12th Grade (Class of 2019)
  ○ Mr. Lewis - 11th Grade (Class of 2020)
  ○ Mrs. Parker - 10th Grade (Class of 2021)
  ○ TBD - 9th Grade (Class of 2022)

● Office of Special Education Team
  ○ Dr. Mason
  ○ Ms. Bowman
  ○ Ms. Johnson
  ○ Ms. Brooks
  ○ Ms. Besanko
  ○ Ms. Watson
Largo High School is a family.

- We function like a small community school and not like a large high school.
- We take advantage of our proximity to PGCC and push dual enrollment in college.
- We encourage students to get involved in extracurricular activities:
  - We are athletically competitive in sports. In three years we’ve won two State Championships, and progressed in playoff/regionals in multiple sports.
  - We built two electric cars from scratch.
  - We have a strong performing arts department:
    - Choir was on the Gospel Billboard Charts, and has been nationally recognized by the Grammy Foundation. They have also performed at the Kennedy Center.
    - Our Jazz band, souL Cafe, and marching band, The Blue and White Marching Machine are frequently requested for VIP events.
    - Our dance program is growing and added a National Dance Honor Society component.
  - We have all of the other clubs and activities that high schools have (SGA, Key Club, National Honor Society)
Overview of Largo High School
Communication with Largo HS

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May 15, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Department of Special Education recently completed a review of the High School Autism Program in Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS). An analysis of the data revealed that the enrollment in Parkdale High School’s Autism Program needed to be reduced. To achieve this goal, PGCPS will expand and open another Autism Program at Largo High School. Based on a student’s home address, rising 9th grade students from Kenmoor Middle School and rising 10th grade students currently attending Parkdale High School will transition to the new Autism Program at Largo High School beginning with the 2018 - 2019 school year. The new boundary for the Autism Program at Largo High School will also enable rising 9th and 10th graders who otherwise would have attended Surattsville High School for the 2018 - 2019 school year to attend school closer to home.

The Department of Special Education would like to invite you to a parent informational meeting to address any questions you may have regarding this transition. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Largo High School, located at 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Administrators and teachers from Largo High School, and central office leadership staff members from the Department of Special Education will be in attendance to provide an overview of the program and the supports and services available to support your child. This meeting will provide an opportunity to address your questions or concerns. In addition, you will have the opportunity to request a summer visit to Largo High School. A fall transition day will also be scheduled for all students attending the program. The date and time of that meeting will be communicated at a later date.

If you have questions regarding the Autism Program, please contact Ms. Peggy Besanko, Assistant Supervisor, Autism Programs, K-12 at 301-618-8300 or peggy.besanko@pgcps.org, or Ms. Camille Johnson, Acting Coordinating Supervisor K-12 Instruction, at 301-702-2890 or camille.johnsen@pgcps.org. If you have questions regarding the school boundary change, please contact Ms. Rhianna McCarren, Planning and School Boundaries Specialist, at 301-952-6300 or rhianna.mccarren@pgcps.org.

We look forward to meeting with you on June 7, 2018.

Sincerely,

Trinell M. Bowman

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Background Information

- Due to the increased enrollment of students within the Autism High School Programs the Department of Special Education will expand the Autism Program for students throughout the county.
- Currently, there exists programs within the southern and northern end of the county.
- The opening of the Largo High School Autism Program will allow for a program within the central part of the district.
**Registration Process**

**July 2018 - August 2018**

- **To register to be a student at Largo HS (check on registration status)**
  - Monday - Thursday
  - Registration 9:00-1:00
  - Bring documents required for registration
  - Email Registrar: Mrs. Fleet  tiffany.mckinley@pgcps.org
  - Call: 301-808-8880

- **To register for classes**
  - Will be done by school counselor at registration
  - Email Head of Counseling: Mrs. Hawkins  Monet.Hawkins@pgcps.org
  - Email Master Scheduler: Mrs. Slay  jslay@pgcps.org
  - Email Head of Special Education: Mr. Kidd  robert.kidd@pgcps.org
Location/Space in the Building

- 4 Classrooms and a Sensory Space
- Tour of the building will occur in August 2018 - Information in letter that will be sent in July and posted on school website.
Training for Largo HS Staff

- Whole staff training on
  - April 2018
  - May 2018
  - June 2018
- Summer 2018 book study
- Ongoing training for the entire staff during the 2018-2019 school year
  - Ms. Watson and Ms. Adkins
Learning Walks for Largo HS Staff

- Dr. Mirshah visited Seat Pleasant Elementary School in April

- Dr. Mirshah, Mr. Kidd, and Ms. Goforth will be visiting Parkdale High School and Kenmoor Middle School in June.
Staffing for Program

- Formula: Teacher and Paraprofessional for every 10 students (or a range of 9-11), enrollment will be monitored to ensure adequate support for students

SY 2018-19 Staffing Allotment

- Three Teachers
- Three Paraeducators
Next Steps

- Send date for students in the Autism Program to have a building orientation in August 2018 - Date will be in Principal’s Summer Letter (July 2018)

- Students attend the 9th grade Transition Day
Questions?