

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR AND SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONSHIP

**County of
Warren
and
Warren County
Public Schools**

INTRODUCTION

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WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION

We strive to deliver an educational program respected statewide through the commitment and expertise of qualified school administrators, teachers, and school staff. We will provide appropriate instructional resources and current technology. We will seek to achieve the mission through community support, active parental involvement, and business partnerships.

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The Trek to Excellence Takes Everyone

COUNTY OF WARREN VISION

Our community's vision is that we must maintain and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Warren County...which includes quality educational facilities and a quality educational system.

Goal: Development of new school facilities and renovation of existing facilities for the Warren County Public School System which would be consistent with Warren County's Comprehensive Plan.



WARREN COUNTY

Warren County School Board and the Warren County Board of Supervisors have developed a positive working relationship.



WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Warren County School Board and the Warren County Board of Supervisors and their respective staffs have developed a positive working relationship.

WARREN COUNTY

■ State of the Art Facilities include:

- Auditoriums
- Modern Libraries
- Computer Labs
- Wireless Access
- SmartBoards
- Security Cameras
- Engineering Lab
- Athletic Facilities



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

- Skyline High School
 - Construction of 223,346 SF High School
 - 1,100 Student Capacity
 - Core expandable to 1,500 Students
 - Cost \$48,023,380



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL



WARREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



- Renovation of Middle School facility to a High School
 - 108,820 SF of new construction
 - 94,396 SF of renovation
 - Cost \$38,845,674

WARREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL PROJECTS

- Total project cost of \$82,869,054
- Completed and opened in September 2007
- Largest PPEA project completed in Virginia by a local government
- County controlled the financing of the project through Davenport, LLC

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



Second middle school planned for community

- Site identified off Happy Creek Road
- 25-30 acres
- 800 students
- Originally included in Schools 2005 Adopted Capital Improvements Plan as part of the switch from 1 high school, 1 junior high and 1 middle to school to 2 high schools and 2 middle schools

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Will allow the school system to get to ideal grade structure of K-5 (Elementary), 6-8 (Middle School) and 9-12 (High School)
- Will allow for the 8th grade to be moved out of Warren County and Skyline High Schools – thereby creating additional capacities at each of those schools
- Will create capacity at the secondary level for the next 15-20 years

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Site has been selected and approved by the School Board and Board of Supervisors
- Majority of the needed land has been purchased for the site as part of the Leach Run Parkway project
- School Board is currently working with Ballou Justice and Upton Architects to design the facility
- Project is proposed to be bid Summer 2014
- School to be open for FY16-17 school year
- BOS is discussing pushing back one year

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



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STUDENT COMMONS



WARREN COUNTY



“Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”

—Henry Ford



- Collaborative Capital Improvement Planning
- Combined Building Committee
- Joint vehicle maintenance
- Joint HVAC maintenance
- Joint technology services
- Shared custodial services
- Shared maintenance responsibilities for athletic and recreational fields
- Joint utilization of facilities



WARREN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

- Since 1994, we have been able to grow the endowment to almost \$800,000. The endowment has given 91 grants totaling \$295,954 since its inception. The goal of the WCEE Board is to raise the total corpus to \$1 million which would generate \$50,000+ per year in grants to support public education in Warren County.

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Education

Engineering curriculum geared to many, not the few WCEE, engineering grant lead public schools to new educational horizons

By Roger Bianchini
Warren County Report

At a May 29 luncheon sponsored by the Warren County Educational Endowment, local business leaders were urged to continue to integrate their efforts with the county's public school system.

The focal point of the May 29 meeting was to acknowledge the school system's receipt of a \$50,000 grant to begin implementation of a national non-profit effort to increase secondary school curricula related to the pursuit of engineering careers.

In just over six years, Project Lead the Way has helped create curricula in over 1700 schools at both middle and high school levels.

Warren County Schools Superintendent Pamela McInnis stressed that the program, which has also received a \$50,000 contribution from the Warren County Educational Endowment, will be available to all interested students and has proven valuable to more than just advanced mathematics students.

Ernestine Jordan, who will be

excited about the program's prospects.

"Our goal has always been to try and prepare students for the next step, to try to take care of their needs right now... This definitely is giving them a direction, it's preparing them for a particular direction, but also the skills they will learn in this program can help in going to many different directions."

"So, we're not only looking for future engineers, we're just looking for students who are ready to problem solve, who are able to take care of the types of challenges that this kind of program is going to offer them. So, I'm extremely excited about this and the aspect of moving in this direction."

Endowment member and former DuPont Plant Manager John LaBarca challenged those present from the business community to take the message of "WCE" back to their workplaces.

"It has to involve 'we.' There's no way to accomplish the benchmarks that we have to accomplish with the notion of what does this allow me to do as a career?"

During his remarks, LaBarca asked various business representatives present what they took from



Following Warren County Educational Endowment luncheon, John LaBarca discusses the relationship of business and education with Toray Plastics' Jeff Lippe, far left.

scientists really do day to day -- so that you connect the academics with the notion of what does this allow me to do as a career?"

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business and industry leaders have been saying we haven't been producing enough mathematicians and scientists, engineers -- people with highly developed technical skills. This program helps create a solution. It's very easy to state

to improve our school system and to make it a more comprehensive system and open up opportunities for all students, not just your gifted and talented.

"And the concept behind this is you don't have to be the best math



Dennis Grunwald/Clarion

Project Lead the Way students from both Warren County high schools return from a tour of the old high school. They met with representatives from Lantz Construction Inc., of Winchester, and toured DuPont.

WARREN COUNTY

Sophomores shadow engineers for a day in national program

By M.K. Luther
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FRONT ROYAL — Warren County's first group of Project Lead the Way students ventured out of the classroom Thursday and into the real world of high technology and engineering.

The nationwide program, which offers a series of courses aimed at exposing students to engineering and high-tech careers, is in its second year at both of the county's high schools.

Sophomores from Skyline and Warren County High schools spent the day touring both the Front Royal DuPont plant and the new Warren County Middle School construction site on Luray Avenue with professionals from DuPont and Lantz Construction Inc. of Winchester.

"They showed us a lot of all the things engineers do, and where they work and the things they build and make — it was cool," said Warren County High School sophomore Gage Morrow.

The tours gave the students a chance to see some of the skills taught in the program used in real life, said Skyline High School technology education teacher and Project Lead the Way instructor Matt Keel.

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Currently, Keel instructs the first- and second-year courses and Warren County High School technology education teacher Barry Potter instructs first-year students.

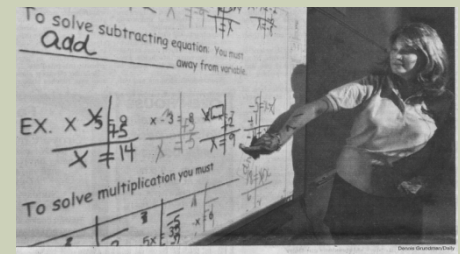
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Sandra Lehen, an eighth-grade math teacher at Skyline High School, uses a Smartboard for an afternoon class.

Tech-smart New high schools are state of the art

By Jessica Coleman
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FRONT ROYAL — If technology is the key to the future, high school students at Skyline and Warren County High schools are already equipped to take advantage of it. Each school is equipped with satellite, online learning facilities, laptops for every teacher, multiple computers in each classroom.

"We didn't want to go overboard with technology," Shoppard said. "We wanted to be competitive with what all of the other surrounding schools are doing."

There has been a lot of excitement going on at the Skyline schools.

"It's kind of like an interactive white board," Shoppard said.

Teachers and students can touch the screen and interact with the program. They touch into like a mouse on a traditional computer, but instead of a mouse, they touch into the Internet or educational software is available. With the provided pens, teachers also can write on the boards

just like a normal white board or chalk board.

"The distance learning classes available at the high schools are also cause for excitement. Currently there is only one class, Advanced Placement History, that is being taught through distance learning. A teacher at Warren County High School teaches his own class of 10 students and broadcasts his lesson to 10 students in a distance learning classroom at Skyline."

"The teacher that's teaching the distance learning class absolutely thinks it's fantastic," Shoppard said. "He said it's different than teaching in front of 20 students, it's just getting used to that change, but it's great. He has to be able to communicate over the Internet to another classroom."

Next semester, that group will add a psychology class will be offered through distance learning. Shoppard said there will be about 40 students enrolled in these classes this year, but by next year there

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COMMUNITY/BUSINESS SUPPORT

Baugh Northeast, Co-Op Inc.

DuPont

Family Dollar Distribution

Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc.

Interbake Foods

Lantz Construction of Winchester

Lord Fairfax Community College

SRI International

Toray Plastics, Inc.

Warren County Economic Development Authority

Warren County Educational Endowment

Warren Memorial Hospital

“The success of these programs would not have been possible without cultivating relationships and partnerships with our Board of Supervisors and our community.”

**--Pamela M. McInnis
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QUESTIONS?

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