

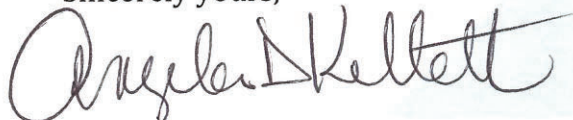
May 19, 2023

Lab School Selection Committee
VA Department of Education,
P.O. Box 2120.
Richmond, VA 23218.

Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) have developed a very strong partnership to support the students of Mecklenburg County with a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program of education that is having a significantly positive impact on the students in this community. Mecklenburg County Economic Development Office is very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique support to the students in the process. Our office has worked closely with the Workforce Services Board and the school system to help with job fairs connecting students to businesses, making connections for internships and job shadowing, and we have helped with Realty Store programs within the schools.

It is our understanding that SVCC and MCPS are now taking the extra step of applying to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative to establish a Lab School program that will specifically target students that struggle to succeed with their academics and workforce expectations. These struggles could be due issues related to generational poverty, traumatic social emotional needs, or some other significant interruption to security in their life. We strongly support this effort and request your acceptance of the Southside Virginia Community College Lab School application.

Sincerely yours,



Angela D. Kellett, Director of Economic Development
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Elizabeth C. Engelhorn

Executive Director

May 11, 2023

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Dear Dr. Nichols,

In the interest of time I am sending this letter of support to you for the Lab School Program via email. Southside Behavioral Health is a committed community partner and will provide support to help make this effort a success.

Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) have developed a very strong partnership to support the students of Mecklenburg County with a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program of education that is having a significantly positive impact on the students in this community. Southside Behavioral Health is very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique support to the students in the process. We have worked with the school to develop and provide mental health services in the school system to streamline access to those services that have been grant funded. We have also provided numerous training for staff in mental health first aid, ACES training and other prevention training.

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Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) have developed a very strong partnership to support the students of Mecklenburg County. By building a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program of education that is having a significantly positive impact on the students in this community.

As Sergeant of School Resource Officers of Mecklenburg County, I am very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique support to students at the elementary, middle, and high school level. I, along with my team, work diligently to build rapport and strong lasting relationships with our students in Mecklenburg County through daily interactions, classroom visits, and teaching opportunities in the classroom. By simply offering our time and experiences in an attempt to mentor and teach these young people through interactions we have been a strong advocates, particularly those with significant challenges of poverty and social emotional needs. I would love for our students to have this opportunity.

It is our understanding that SVCC and MCPS are now taking the extra step of applying to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative to establish a Lab School program. This will specifically focus on students that struggle to succeed with their academics and workforce expectations. These struggles could be due to issues related to generational poverty, traumatic social-emotional needs, or some other significant interruption to security in their life. We strongly support this effort and request your acceptance of the Southside Virginia Community College Lab School application.

With the highest regards,
Jamie King,
Sergeant, School Resource Officer
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office.



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CLERK

May 10, 2023

Lab School Selection Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been made aware that Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) in partnership with Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) is in the process of applying to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative to establish a Lab School program. The cohort of students to be served would be some of Mecklenburg County's most vulnerable; those who face significant obstacles to meeting educational and workforce expectations due to trauma, poverty and negative forces in the home and community that impact healthy emotional development. As the presiding judge in the Mecklenburg County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, I see firsthand the challenges facing these children. A strong basis in reading and math literacy as well as career development support is vital to the success of these children.

It is my sincere belief that implementation of a Lab School program in Mecklenburg County will greatly benefit both court-involved youth and those children at-risk to become court-involved. I fully support the application of MCPS and SVCC for establishment of a Lab School program.

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Nora J. Miller

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It is our understanding that SVCC and MCPS are now taking the extra step of applying to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative to establish a Lab School program that will specifically target students that struggle to succeed with their academics and work force expectations. These struggles could be due to issues related to generational poverty, traumatic social emotional needs, or some other significant interruption to security in their life. We strongly support this effort and request your acceptance of the Southside Virginia Community College Lab School application.

Sincerely yours,

P. Sterling Wilkinson

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President/Owner
Circle W Farms, Inc.
Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, District 6 Representative

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Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) have developed a very strong partnership to support the students of Mecklenburg County with a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program of education that is having a significantly positive impact on the students in this community. Lakes Media, LLC is very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique support to the students in the process. We are currently participating in the work-based learning program and have accepted a student as a part-time paid intern. This student is learning about various aspects of the broadcast radio business and is the host of one of our on-air shows. He aspires to be a radio/TV personality which makes this partnership a perfect fit for this student.

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Sincerely yours,

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Jimmy Martin, Station Manager
Lakes Media, LLC



May 17, 2023

Dear Members of the Virginia Board of Education:

Microsoft Philanthropies support the Southside Virginia Community College Lab School's application to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative. This initiative will help provide skills and supports the region's students need to thrive academically, emotionally, and to attain employment. The students face an array of challenges including generational poverty and, in some situations, personal trauma. We see this initiative as a way to meet the students where they are and help them work through some of these challenges.

Microsoft views both Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) as effective collaborators and partners. Together we've been working to strengthen the talent technology pipeline since 2017. For example, we've partnered with MCPS to develop a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program yielding positive results. We have also partnered with MCPS to help 100+ students gain computer science and technology skills through the Microsoft Philanthropies Technology Education and Literacy in Schools or TEALS program as well as in the Microsoft Datacenter Academy Training program at Southside Virginia Community College. Additional focus has been put on the emerging technology opportunity with agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Satterfield".

Jeremy Satterfield, TechSpark Manager Southern Virginia

Microsoft

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Blue Horse Mukwa Equine Retirement and Rescue Center (home to C.A.S.E. an informed trauma work site) is very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique opportunities for students to learn workforce training skills in a safe drug and alcohol-free environment. In our Center students work side by side with local mentors to gain a positive experience with the expectations of the work-force, including the development of important soft skills. They also experience helping animals that have been abused, providing an opportunity to learn empathy and compassion.

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Selection Committee:

Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) and Mecklenburg County Public Schools (MCPS) have developed a very strong partnership to support the students of Mecklenburg County with a comprehensive career literacy and workforce development program of education that is having a significantly positive impact on the students in this community. Trauma Awareness and Resilience Partners (T.A.R.P.), the local trauma-informed care network (TICN) and member of the Virginia Trauma-Informed Care Network, is very pleased to have partnered with the schools to provide unique support to the students in the process.

It is our understanding that SVCC and MCPS are now taking the extra step of applying to Governor Youngkin's Lab School Initiative to establish a Lab School program that will specifically target students that struggle to succeed with their academics and work force expectations. These struggles could be related to generational poverty, traumatic social emotional needs, or some other significant interruption to security in their life. T.A.R.P. realizes the important role schools and educators play in building resilience in our youth who have had adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and we have pledged our support to MCPS as they work to create a trauma-informed learning environment for our students who have academic and social struggles. We stand ready to provide ACEs training to school personnel, families, youth, and the greater community to promote understanding and empathy for those who have suffered childhood trauma. We offer our communication platforms (including webpages, social media, and print materials) to provide further education and resources to support families dealing with the impact of ACEs. We will continue to be a partner in the planning and implementation of this MCPS program, as we believe this program will positively affect not only current youth, but generations to come.

As a community organization with vested interest in our children, we strongly support this effort and request your acceptance of the Southside Virginia Community College Lab School application.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ann P. Crowder, Ed.D.
T.A.R.P. Leadership Committee