



Linking Youth to New eXperiences (LYNX)

TRANSFORMING HIGH SCHOOL

How It All Started

- ▶ Conversations about “College and Career Readiness” in FCPS and with Dr. Grasmick’s Advisory Group
- ▶ A Visit from Dr. Grasmick to Frederick County to discuss Career Technology Education programs
- ▶ Sharing a vision that “transforming” versus “reforming” was necessary
- ▶ Announcement of the XQ Super Schools project and Team Grasmick was formed!

Key Components of the LYNX Concept

- ▶ Designed as a 21st Century comprehensive public high school
- ▶ Individualized goal setting and planning for each and every student
- ▶ Flexibility
 - ▶ From mandated courses to learning pathways leading to competency
 - ▶ Scheduling options
 - ▶ Options for students from college preparation to apprenticeships to IB to AA degrees to industry certification

Making Connections

- ▶ Aligns with the community feedback that led to the design of the new FHS
- ▶ Builds on systemic goals to implement 1 to 1 programs, blended learning, virtual course options, and to eliminate the achievement gap
- ▶ Incorporates student and staff voices about ways to improve the high school experience
- ▶ Builds on partnerships with our business community

XQ Super School Application Phases

DISCOVER

Students of the 21st century

Youth experiences & aspirations

Science of adolescent learning

DESIGN

School mission and culture

Teaching and learning

Student agency and engagement

Networks and partnerships

DEVELOP

Talent and training

Performance management and evaluation

Time, space, & technology

Financial model & sustainability

Governance

Implementation capacity

Making LYNX a Reality

- ▶ Secure legislation to provide flexibility from COMAR regulations that would hinder implementation of the LYNX concept
- ▶ Identify funding to implement the LYNX program
- ▶ Use the 2016-2017 school year to solicit input, plan, develop partnership agreements, and train staff and business partners
- ▶ Share the LYNX plan with our BOE, state legislature, State Board, and hopefully our funders!!