

# ***Frost Middle School Transformation Concept***

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## **Rationale**

Frost Middle School currently is a persistently low-performing school and has been labeled a 'Priority' school by the state of Kentucky. Currently, Frost is in the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile in accountability scores among all middle schools in the state of Kentucky. Frost has a long history of low test scores, poor attendance, and high suspensions. Frost recently lost its primary School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding which resulted in a loss of some support services.

The sixth grade is a critical transitional year for students. Many students attending Frost enter behind on grade level. For the first time in their educational lives, students are exposed to up to six different teachers in the school day and, at times, struggle with the overall transition to middle school.

## **Innovation**

Beginning in the 2014-15 school-year, the current Frost resides 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will remain at Frost and participate in a **6<sup>th</sup> grade only 'Transition Academy'**. The *Transition Academy* will feature an extended day. All students and teachers will participate in the extended day. The Transition Academy will also feature an extended year by having incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a four-week transition program (two weeks in June and two weeks in July) that will focus on assessing all students, designing a Student Success Plan for each student and begin the remediation and enrichment process. The focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Transition Academy will be to move all students to proficiency in math and reading by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year and to instill the 'Growth Mindset' in all students by emphasizing problem solving, perseverance, and creating stamina. The school will be designed to grow by attracting current resides students who are now opting out to other middle schools and by accepting 'out of resides' applications through an optional magnet process. There will be no admission criteria for entering the Frost Transition Academy.

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the current Frost resides 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will move to Valley High in a **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 'Preparatory Academy'**. The *Preparatory Academy* will feature an extended day lasting until 5:00 p.m., three days per week. All students and teachers will participate in the extended day program on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The school will also feature an extended year by having incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a four-week transition program (two weeks in June and two weeks in July) that will focus on assessing all students and re-evaluating each student's Student Success Plan. The focus of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Preparatory Academy will be to move all students to proficiency in math and reading, and to instill the 'Growth Mindset' in all students by emphasizing problem solving, perseverance, and creating stamina. The school will be designed to grow by attracting current resides students who are now opting out to other middle schools and by accepting 'out of resides' applications through a magnet application process. There will be no admission criteria for entering the Valley Preparatory Academy.

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, all Phoenix School students (Valley and Stuart) will be moved to the Frost Middle School campus. The school will have an altered staffing composition based on the merger of the two schools.

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### **Timeline**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AUDIENCE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Monday	September 23	Introduction/Feedback	Board Members	5:00-6:00 p.m.	VanHoose
Tuesday	September 24	Feedback	Frost Faculty	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Frost
Tuesday	September 24	Feedback	Frost 6/7 Parents	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Frost
Thursday	September 26	Small Group Feedback	Frost Faculty	12:00-4:00 p.m.	Frost
Thursday	September 26	Feedback	Frost Community	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Frost
Tuesday	October 1	Feedback	Valley Faculty	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Valley
Wednesday	October 2	Work Session	Frost Staff	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Frost
Thursday	October 3	Feedback	Community/Parents	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Valley
Monday	October 7	Feedback	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Frost
Thursday	October 10	Q/A Work Session	Frost Faculty	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Frost
Monday	October 14	Finalize Proposal Based on Feedback and Board Approval	Board Members	7:00-9:00 p.m.	VanHoose

### **Cost Projection for 2014-15 (does not include meals or transportation)**

<b>Frost Estimated costs = \$313,000</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended school day \$112,000 (13 teachers)</li> <li>• Extended school year \$51,000 (10 teachers x 5.5 x 20)</li> <li>• Extended school day and year Classified \$50,000</li> <li>• Moving and renovations \$100,000</li> </ul>	<b>Valley Estimated costs: \$452,500</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended school day \$136,500 (11 teachers, 3 days a week, 2.5 hours, 36 weeks)</li> <li>• Extended school year \$76,000 (15 teachers x 5.5 x 20)</li> <li>• Additional staff \$90,000 (1 additional counselor)</li> <li>• Extended school day and year Classified \$50,000</li> <li>• Moving and renovations \$100,000</li> </ul>
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