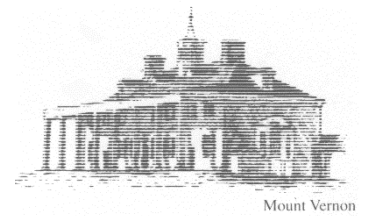




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Proclamation Recognizing South County Middle School for 10th Anniversary

Supervisor Dan Storck, Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Pat Herrity August 2, 2022

The South County Middle School (SCMS) opened its highly anticipated doors on September 12, 2012. This community school came to fruition after many years of community advocates, who decided that a middle school was necessary, worked tirelessly with officials at all levels of government to realize their goal of a stand-alone middle school. While they were regularly met with rejection and disappointment, they persevered, and overcame all the obstacles they encountered.

In 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors allocated \$10 million to the school system and later that year, the Fairfax County School Board voted to allocate this money to build the middle school; this saved taxpayers \$35 million by building the school earlier than planned, using the development plans from another middle school, and by swapping land with the Fairfax County Park Authority.

For 10 years now, the South County Middle School has provided a positive learning environment by academically challenging students with a full spectrum of programs including general education, an Advanced Academics Level IV Center, an Honors Program, and a Special Education Program.

Despite its presence as a stand-alone middle school, SCMS students, staff, and community members continue collaboration and connections with South County High School which lies adjacent to the middle school. This bond has strengthened the South County sense of community and the Mustang and Stallion spirit is enduring.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, myself, and Supervisor Herrity to be presented to South County Middle School, to take place outside of the board room, recognizing the school for its 10th anniversary.