



## Fourth Annual Conference

*Engaging Secondary School Students and Their Communities*

## Forum Breakout Session

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### **Middle School Reform Initiative: Lessons Learned**

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This interactive session will highlight Phase I of the MCPS Middle School Reform Initiative. The content will focus on the six initiative goals and include strategies for building professional learning communities to lead for change, implementing processes for collaborative planning, engaging the adolescent learner in rigorous instruction, and creating extended learning opportunities to motivate students. Participants will also learn about leadership positions including the positions of accelerated and enriched instructional (AEI) mathematics content specialist and AEI literacy coaches, which were created to support teachers with increasing student performance in mathematics and literacy. Participants will observe and experience the technology tools used to monitor student performance and to engage students in the learning process.