



Fourth Annual Conference

Engaging Secondary School Students and Their Communities

Forum Breakout Session

Making Big Schools Smaller

Facilitator:

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Presenters:

Darryl Williams, *Principal, Blair High School, Montgomery County Public Schools*
James Short, *Ninth Grade Administrator, Blair High School, Montgomery County Public Schools*
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Jennifer Kempf, *Academies Coordinator, Blair High School, Montgomery County Public Schools*

Montgomery Blair High School is organized into smaller learning communities using an academy structure where students feel connected to at least one adult and where students are encouraged to perform at their highest level. Hear from staff about the successes and challenges of implementing a "wall-to-wall" academy structure at the largest high school in Montgomery County.