

## **Cumberland Valley School District Transition Plan 2018-2019**

### **Welcome to the District, Pre-K to Kindergarten**

The district coordinates with the United Way of the Capital Region and has an Educational Liaison at one of our elementary schools. We have four Head Start Pre-K classrooms in two elementary schools. Staff attend Success by Six meetings, conferences and programs to learn new ways to engage with families before Kindergarten. Getting Ready for Kindergarten calendars are given to each family to provide suggestions of daily activities to prepare for the beginning of Kindergarten. We have a 4-week summer Pre-K program to help students begin the transition to Kindergarten. All schools reach out to families prior to Kindergarten registration, invite them to attend a spring pre-Kindergarten exploration event and then welcome them to open house events in August before school begins.

### **Elementary to Middle School, Grade 5 to Grade 6**

Our 5th graders take a field trip to middle school to tour on a school-day. This tour provides them with the opportunity to meet staff, observe classes and ask questions. Parents attend an evening event to learn more about the transition to middle school. Middle school counselors visit each school to talk with elementary teachers in order to properly place students. Orientations are held in August allowing students to explore the middle school, meet staff and ask questions about their schedule. Back to school nights are held at the beginning of the year for parents to attend to learn more about middle school.

### **Middle School to High School, Grade 8 to Grade 9**

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our School Counselors work with students to identify career pathways and appropriate courses in anticipation of transition to our high school. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a field trip to tour the high school. Family events are held during the day to help families learn more about the transition to the high school. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in vocational education attend a field trip to tour CPAVTS. We work with universities to provide college in the high school. We collaborate with local businesses to provide students co-op and internship experiences. High school students prepare for post-secondary by working with our teachers and department leaders. All students explore career paths and take career inventories in Naviance.