

### January 13, 2015 – SCS Hosts Opportunity Knocks

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Staunton City Schools will be holding Opportunity Knocks 2015 this year on Saturday, January 17, from 1-4 p.m. at the Booker T. Washington Community Center. The event is organized like a “fair” where families can come, receive valuable information that will benefit their child and help ensure his/her success in school and beyond. Booths will be set up on many different topics related to the importance of pre-school, what a parent can do to help ensure success in elementary school, and about the many learning opportunities available in middle and high school. Local colleges, industries, and businesses will also be on hand to share about the career and learning opportunities available to students after high school graduation. Families may visit the booths that interest them. Twenty minute “break-out” sessions will be available for those that would like a more formal presentation.

“Last year, our goal was to make this a true community event, and the same is true for this year. We want our families to see firsthand how the greater Staunton community has worked hard to partner with the local school system to bring them valuable information. We want to send the message that it does take a village to raise a child, and here we all are,” stated Mark Rexrode, Director of Counseling at Robert E. Lee High School.

Local restaurants and business will be providing food and gifts and door prizes while also volunteering their time. Day care and transportation will be provided for those make the request by calling Lee High School at 332-3926. Carla VanDevander, Secondary Differentiation Specialist shared, “We hope that every student who attends this event leaves feeling more knowledgeable and empowered to make the most out of their lives and better prepared to help strengthen Staunton’s community and economy.”



The first event of its kind, Opportunity Knocks 2014 was a huge success.