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Liberty County Schools has two middle schools that have been identified as “Focus” Schools for a three year period, beginning August 2012. Those schools are Lewis Frasier Middle School and Snelson Golden Middle School. Each of the schools is a Title I school and was identified as a Focus School because there was an achievement gap of more than 3 points between two subgroups at the school. The achievement gap at Lewis Frasier Middle School was between multiracial students and students with disabilities. The gap at Snelson Golden Middle School was between white students and students with disabilities.

During the 2012-2013 school year each school provided supplemental instruction in mathematics on thirteen different Saturdays throughout the school year as part of the Flexible Learning Program (FLP). Additionally, students who met the placement criteria were scheduled for an extra period of math instruction during their connections class time. As a result of the supplemental instruction in math for qualifying students, 85% of the participants in the FLP sessions showed improvement in math skills. On the Math CRCT in April 2013, the number of students not meeting state standard was reduced.

**LFMS:**
- Students with Disabilities: 56% (30 students) failed to meet standards in 2012; 53% (21 students) failed to meet standards in 2013.
- Multiracial: 19% (9 students) failed to meet standards in 2012; 10% (5 students) failed to meet standards in 2013.

**SGMS:**
- Students with Disabilities: 69% (44 students) failed to meet standards in 2012; 54.3% (25 students) failed to meet standards in 2013.
- White: 5% (35 students) failed to meet standards in 2012; 12.7% (17 students) failed to meet standards in 2013.

The goal of the Focus School improvement plans and the Flexible Learning Program (FLP) is to reduce the achievement gap between the identified subgroups. Math is the area of concentration for the FLP.

If you would like additional information about the Focus School program or the Flexible Learning Program, please contact the principal at LFMS or SGMS, or contact Harley Grove at the Liberty County Board of Education (876-5953).

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**Mission:** The mission of the Liberty County School System is to provide all students an education which promotes excellence, good citizenship, and a love of learning.