

ABSTRACT

SCHOOL-BASED MANAGEMENT IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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This thesis describes the nationwide development of school-based management and chronicles its implementation in Prince William County (Virginia) Public Schools. School-based management - and its implementation in Prince William County - is discussed as a microcosmic example of one potential solution to the crisis in our nation's schools. Following a two-year pilot program in five schools, Prince William County Public Schools implemented school-based management divisionwide in the 1990-1991 school year. In the process of researching and writing this thesis, the author conducted a literature search and reviews internal documents and memoranda of Prince William County Public Schools. This thesis is slated to be a reference and resource for a graduate course on school-based management designed for building administrators and classroom teachers.