



# THE HISTORY OF THE MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Marlinton Local School District came into existence in

# 1957

when Lexington, Marlboro and Washington Townships were joined in order to form one school district. The new district was named “Marlinton” at the suggestion of the late T.C. Knapp, who, during this period of reorganization, was Superintendent of the Stark County Schools. Syllables from each of the names of the three member townships were combined to form the school’s name.



## **PRIOR TO THE MERGER, LEXINGTON AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIPS TUITIONED THEIR STUDENTS TO NEIGHBORING HIGH SCHOOLS; MARLBORO TOWNSHIP HAD ITS OWN SCHOOL.**

An emergency developed when Alliance High School became overcrowded and doors were finally closed to outside students. An effort was made then to accommodate the high school students within Marlinton’s existing buildings, but overcrowded conditions developed. Relief came in January 1961, when the new Marlinton High School was occupied for the first time. Growth within the Marlinton District remained steady for many years. An addition to the high school became necessary and this construction was completed in 1964. Since 1964, further improvements of the district’s facilities have included additions to Marlboro and Washington Elementary Schools in the 1960s and 1970s and the construction of a Middle School in 1970.

## **MARLINGTON DUKES ARE REPRESENTED BY “DUKE DOG”, THE ORANGE MARLINGTON BLOCK “M” AND THE DUKE SHIELD.**

The Shield is divided into three fields, each field represents one of the three townships of which our district is composed. Two diagonal stripes in the shield represent two qualities; service and integrity, which indemnify the character of Marlinton students. The shield’s torch depicts students’ learning and the cornet signifies the royal legacy of Dukes. The inscription E Tribus Unum is a Latin phrase meaning “one from three”; our students live within three townships, but as a school, we are one.

## **THE HISTORIC VICTORY BELL WAS DONATED BY THE MARLBORO GRANGE THROUGH THE CLASS OF 1967.**

The bell was removed from the belfry of the old New Baltimore School where it had hung since 1890 and is currently housed on the south side of The Marlinton High School.