

**Refugee Working Group Mass Meeting Announcement and Agenda**  
**5 pm, Tuesday, March 15**  
**Lylburn Downing Middle School Cafeteria**  
**302 Diamond Street, Lexington**

There will be a meeting on this Tuesday at 5 pm in the Lylburn Downing Middle School Cafeteria for all interested in the welfare of our Congolese family. The program will be devoted to education about the Democratic Republic of Congo and circumstances there resulting in the refugee crisis. Our principal speaker will be Col. James Hentz, VMI International Studies professor, whose expertise is in sub-Saharan Africa and particularly in Congolese political history. We will also hear from two organizations dedicated to helping our family with language acquisition: Amanda Merrill will report on efforts of her Refugee Working Group on Language and a representative from W&L's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program will report on their plans for working with our family. In addition we will hear from the student leaders of the Interact Club at the high school, Isabel Richter and Harrison Branner about the club's focus on helping the Congolese children in their transition to life in Lexington, especially as they prepare to enter the city schools.

Agenda  
(5 pm – 6:25 pm)

Welcome and Brief Update	Jerry Nay Anne Hansen
Introduction of Speaker	Alexandra Brown
Presentation on Democratic Republic of Congo	Col. James Hentz
Q&A (five minutes)	
Two Short Reports on Language Preparation	Amanda Merrill and W&L ESOL Rep
Q&A (five minutes)	
Report on the work of RCHS Interact Group	Isabel Richter and Harrison Branner
Q&A (five minutes)	
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