

Request to Place an Item on the Agenda

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Name of school children attend, if applicable: NA

Group represented: Water's Edge Church

Check if request was submitted to: ☒ Superintendent ☐ Board Chairperson

Conferred with following administrators (names): I spoke with Mrs. Stanley who directed me to the School Board.

Description of Issue:

Review of the Henderson County Board of Education Administrative Procedures 05.3 AP.1 (page 1) and 05.31 AP.21 (page 1). The referenced procedures pertain to the use of District facilities. According to these procedures, "school facilities shall not be used by members of the community or community groups for religious worship services."

I took the initiative to research other districts in our area beginning at state level. The legal representative from State Board of Education informed me that there is no policy at the state level preventing the use of district facilities, but does provide the option for local districts to govern the use of their facilities.

As a church plant, we are very similar to a business in its beginning phase. We work hard; we serve in the community, and we provide assistance to members of the community whenever possible. As the congregation grows, so does the need for larger venues where we can gather. The difficulty we face is that the larger venues in Henderson, Kentucky are very expensive to lease, or are not available. Due to the high lease cost of buildings, we are being limited in our growth, while there are school district buildings that would meet the need of our church family.

Specific Action Requested:

I am requesting the School Board review the listed procedure and consider amending the procedure by deleting the statement "Religious worship services" from both 05.3 AP1 (page 1) and 05.31 AP21 (page 1).

Community schools serve the entire community. As such, a school district should provide opportunities for all community members to utilize school facilities creating a belief that the school is the center of community life.

I appreciate your service to our community. Additionally, I look forward to meeting with you to further this request.

Check if you are: ☐ Board Member ☐ District Employee ☒ Community Member

All requests for items to be placed on the agenda must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting as specified in Board Policy 01.45. Items submitted shall require prior approval of the Superintendent.

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