

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Consent Item:**

*District Facility Plan Amendment:* Hardin County

### **Commissioner's Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Kentucky Board of Education approve the proposed amendments to the District Facility Plan (DFP) for Hardin County School District in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180.

### **Rationale:**

KDE staff certifies that all requested actions are justified, meet the intent to provide upgraded facilities, and are in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

### **Action Question**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed facility plan amendment to the current District Facility Plan for the Hardin County School District?

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 157.420 (4), KRS 157.622, KRS 157.620, 702 KAR 4:180

### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy:* In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, each district must develop a local DFP at the completion of a four-year cycle or at the completion of an eight-year cycle (maximum) if the district applies for and is granted a waiver.

*Summary:* The DFP contains an assessment of the school district's attributes and operations including the district profile, demographic information, facility conditions, and finances (cost of delivery of service). Local school districts are required to select a Local Planning Committee (LPC) to develop a DFP outlining capital construction priorities. During this cycle, a district may amend the DFP to reflect changes within the district.

Information reviewed in amending the DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of program and facility needs required to provide an equitable educational opportunity. Information for review is developed by the LPC and its consultants.

The LPC, by virtue of its makeup, encourages both community involvement and diversity of ideas. The LPC recommends a DFP to the local board; if the local board does not approve the DFP, it goes back to the LPC for further refinement. However, the DFP submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is the final decision of the local board of education and may or may not reflect the determinations of the LPC.

The proposed facility plan amendment to the DFP for the Hardin County School District was recommended by the LPC and approved by the local board of education. Attached with the district's facility plan and hearing report is enrollment projection data. Also, non-resident student data for the affected district is attached.

The amended Hardin County School District Facility Plan provides for the construction of the North Hardin High School, a major renovation at Vine Grove Elementary School, construction of the New Hardin County Career and Technical Education Center, and two new elementary schools. It eliminates the major renovation project for G.C. Burkhead Elementary School that would have converted that facility into an Area Technology Center. In the next biennium, the amendment provides for the construction of two new 600-student elementary schools, a new 750-student middle school, and major renovations to Lincoln Trail Elementary School, Meadow View Elementary School, New Highland Elementary School, Brown Street Alternative Education Center, Central Hardin High School, Bluegrass Middle School, James T. Alton Middle School and G.C. Burkhead. The renovation at G.C. Burkhead will convert the school into a high school. The amendment eliminates the Mulberry Helm Alternative High School renovation project. That property is to be surplus and sold. In the management support areas, the amendment provides for the renovation of the Central Bus Garage, Central Office Annex Facility, and Food Service Building. The amendment provides for the discretionary construction of an aquatic center, West Hardin Middle School renovation, East Hardin Middle School renovation, Buildings and Grounds Facility minor renovation, construction of an administrative suite at Central Hardin High School, and a major renovation at Bluegrass Middle School and at James T. Alton Middle School.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budget impact at the state level.

### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses**

A local public hearing was held in the school district with no issues noted. The plan was approved by the Local Planning Committee and the Hardin County Board of Education by a unanimous vote.

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**Commissioner of Education**

### **Date:**

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