

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

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

*District Facility Plan Amendment:* Morgan County

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

It is recommended that the Kentucky Board of Education approve the proposed amendments to the District Facility Plan (DFP) for Morgan 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 all 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 Morgan County School District?

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

KRS 157.420(4), KRS 157.620, KRS 157.622, 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 facilities planning process provides a District Facility Plan (DFP) that 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 submitted proposed facility plan amendment to the DFP for the Morgan 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.

***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 Morgan County Board of Education by a unanimous vote.

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**Commissioner of Education**

### **Date:**

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