



# KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Kentucky Board of Education  
Dr. Jason E. Glass, Commissioner  
Office of the Commissioner of Education  
300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601

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**RE: Knox County: Waiver Requests  
Packaged Waste Water Treatment Plant  
Flat Lick Elementary School (BG 21-121)  
Flat Lick, KY**

Dear Commissioner Glass:

Pursuant to KRS 156.160(2), the Knox County Board of Education requests waivers from the Kentucky Board of Education related to The Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 4:180 as follow:

1. Waiver to the Definition of Major Renovation (below) to include a packaged waste water treatment plant as an exempted single system.

MAJOR RENOVATION means a renovation project at a permanent center, including three (3) or more building systems and an estimated cost of 20 percent of the current replacement cost of the building, or portion thereof. The building shall be a minimum of thirty (30) years old or thirty (30) years shall have passed since its last major renovation with the exception of restructuring an open space school for conventional classrooms. The building may be the entire permanent center or a clearly definable portion (i.e., 1973 addition, senior high wing, physical education facility, etc.).

As an exception to the definition, the following building systems may be included for replacement as a single system within 15 years of their original installation or if required by a change in regulation or code;

- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems and Controls
- Systems to provide full use of a facility by the physically handicapped and to bring a facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Life Safety and Security Systems
- Roofing Systems, Flashings and Accessories

2. Waiver to Section 202.5.1.1.2 to include a packaged waste water treatment plant as an exempted single system.
3. Waiver to 202.5.3 to allow the district to utilize restricted construction funding.

The Knox Board of Education knows that the replacement of the existing plant is required to correct a serious health issue for the students in this school as well as correct a compliance issue with the Energy and Environment Cabinet. Supporting documentation regarding these compliance issues are attached. Because of the serious financial issues the Board is facing during this pandemic year, the use of restricted bond funds is needed.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sprinkles, Superintendent

Enclosures: