**SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:**

To approve the amended District Facility Plan (DFP) for the Madison County School District in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Specifically, Section 1 of 702 KAR 4:180 states “The Kentucky Board of Education shall approve the District Facilities Plan submitted by the district upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education.”

**COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Commissioner recommends approval of the proposed amended DFP for the Madison County School District in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the plan presented is in compliance with 702 KAR 4:180 and the appropriate steps have occurred as follows: (1) Local Planning Committee (LPC) selection process documented; (2) review of proposed district facility plan for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan, and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plan submitted for Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approval.

**APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:**


**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 eight-year cycle (maximum) if the district applied for, and was granted, a waiver.

*Summary of Issue:*

The facilities planning process provides a 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 services). Local school districts are required to select a LPC to develop a DFP outlining capital construction priorities.

Information reviewed in developing the DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of program and facility needs required to provide an equitable educational opportunity. KDE staff provides the
process to be undertaken by the district in an orientation package. Information for KDE review then 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, a DFP submitted for approval by the KBE is the final decision
of the local board of education and may or may not reflect the determinations of the LPC.

The proposed submitted DFP for the Madison 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 are
enrollment projections and histories with non-resident student data for the district.

*Budget Impact:*

There is no impact on KDE funds related to the approval of the DFPs.

**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school district with no significant issues noted.
The plan was approved by the local planning committee and school board of the district.

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*Category:* ☐ Educator Workforce Diversity ☐ Portrait of a Graduate Partnerships ☐ Racial Equity
Commitment ☐ Student-Centered Accountability System ☐ Early Childhood ☒ District Support