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Kentucky Board of Education,

First I want to thank each of you for taking the time to field comments and responses to the New Facility Plan.

I have lived and worked in Bloomfield, Nelson County for the last 40 years. I have a computer business that serves the local businesses and people of Bloomfield. I have been involved in all the schools here with fund raisers and my daughter has attended all the schools in Bloomfield.

Bloomfield is a small town with pride in its schools. The schools are beautiful and the children thrive. In the last few years it appears that our school board has turned against us and has decided to close our middle school and move those students in with the high schools.

I want to quickly note the problems this brings to our community.

1. The plan spends a terrific amount of funds that will be paid by the tax payers. Those funds could be used to build another school (that was promised by the board) in New Haven, Ky, for a fraction of the cost.
2. I'm also going to admit that the closing of our middle school is going to impact our town financially. We had a nice restaurant that had committed to coming to Bloomfield but after hearing the school is going to close they have backed out. We already have another school (Eli Brown) that was left and that property is an eye sore for our community.
3. We can talk about money or the financial downfall of Bloomfield but the most important fear from this plan is that we are going to mix our middle school students in with high school students. Our board has sold a plan to keep them separate but the more we hear of it, the students will be sharing the same halls and even some will be in the same classrooms. I would love to believe that the high school students would mentor the middle school community. When I graduated from Nelson County High School in 1973, this may have worked but we had no need for a daily police presence in the school. Today we have a resource officer (police) that's there all the time. This shift in culture is not the fault of the Kentucky School Board, Nelson County School Board or even myself. Its merely a fact in the time we live today. So I fear seeing middle school students mixed in with the high school. That age group needs time to grow before they jump into the adult world of the High School culture.
4. The Nelson County School board has stopped at nothing to push their plan through. I am very

suspicious of their actions. I believe some bad decisions were made and they are trying to cover them. In doing this, some of the board members have advised (threatened) the teachers at our school not to speak against the plan. We have lost a lot of good teachers because they will not stand for their children to be harmed.

I attended a couple of the school board meetings on this plan and it was clear that they had no time to consider anything the community wanted. I have reason to believe that the school board may be making some behind the scene deals to repurpose (sell) Bloomfield Middle school for their own advantage. If the school closes, it will prove itself but it will be too late for the children of Bloomfield Middle school.

This is why I have taken the time to write this letter. Please don't let it be too late for these children? I know the education system is big business and I'm only one person but what is the cost of ruining children's lives?

Thank you for reading this letter. I pray that you will consider and make the right decision.

Sincerely,

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