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<u>Consent Agenda Item (Action Item)</u>: Review/Consider approval for the rerouting of identified geographical areas to John M. Stumbo Elementary pending the completion of the HWY 680 Connector:

• Head of Little Mud (starting at the HWY 680 exit and extending to HWY 979)

Applicable State or Regulations:

KRS 162.90 Powers and duties of the local board

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Through the process of rerouting identified geographical areas to John M. Stumbo Elementary, our school would be positively impacted financially through an increase in our student enrollment.

History/Background:

Over the last decade, we have experienced a 25.6% decline in student enrollment/population. Much of this is attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of the Floyd County Virtual Academy and The Well of 979 in our attendance area. Consequently, if this rate of decline in student population continues we will be at risk of being unable to sustain our school with equity while remaining fiscally solvent. The addition of this geographical area in our student population would be an estimated 5.32% increase.

At this time, students living in this geographical area board the bus to school at 6:00AM, meet a connecting bus at 7:10AM, and are dropped off at school at 7:50AM. This is a commute of 3 hours and 40 minutes daily.

Over the last decade, John M. Stumbo Elementary has consistently maintained a top performing rating at both the elementary and middle school levels. Our school has gone from the bottom 10 in the state in 2006-07 to obtaining multiple honors for high achievement such as school of distinction, top 5 in the state, as well as number one middle school in the state for two consecutive years all while having the highest free and reduced rate and homeless population in the district. We attribute much of our success to also maintaining the highest attendance rate in the district for the majority of those years prior to COVID.

Recommended Action:

Approve/adopt the request for identified geographical areas to John M. Stumbo beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, pending the completion of the HWY 680 Connector.

Contact Person(s):

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