**THIS IS A DECISION PAPER:**

**TO:** Members of the Hardin County Board of Education

**FROM:** Teresa Morgan, Superintendent

**DATE:** October 17, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Civics Literacy Course

**DISCUSSION:**

Beginning with the entering ninth-grade class of the 2025-2026 school year, and each year thereafter, graduation requirements for each student in every public high school in Kentucky graduating with a regular diploma shall include successful completion of either: (a) A one-half (1/2) credit course in civic literacy that includes instruction in the areas required as listed in the proposal; or (b) A civics test composed of one hundred (100) questions, with a passing score of 70%, drawn from those that are set forth within the civics test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens.

**PROPOSAL:**

The board of education approves a one-half (½) credit course in civic literacy that includes instruction in the following areas:

1. An overview of America's founding history, including but not limited to key texts; the role and operations of local, state, and national governments; the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; federalism; civil liberties; and civil rights
2. Principles of the United States Government
3. The Constitution of Kentucky and the Constitution of the United States
4. Institutions of the United States government and the responsibilities of the executive branch, legislative branch, and judicial branch
5. State government and local governments and the role of each
6. Political parties and interest groups
7. Campaigns and elections
8. United States Congress
9. Domestic policy
10. Foreign policy
11. Comparative systems
12. International relations
13. Major issues facing government

**RECOMMENDATION**:

I recommend that the Hardin County Board of Education approves a one-half (½) credit course in civic literacy that includes required instruction as listed in the proposal.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**:

I move that the Hardin County Board of Education approves a one-half (½) credit course in civic literacy that includes required instruction as listed in the proposal.