

April 17, 2025

**NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT\***  
**DISTRCT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT**

A public hearing was held at the Newport Independent Board of Education on April 17, 2025, at 5:30 (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Newport Independent Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 12-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan on March 26, 2025

Noah Onkst, Architect, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. See attached sign-in sheet for those in attendance.

**COMMENTS**

Noah Onkst called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. All considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes;

**Newport High School**

Major Renovation of Building Systems to include: SITEWORK, DOORS, WINDOWS, INTERIOR FINISHES, ELECTRICAL (INCLUDING LIGHTING), PLUMBING, and TECHNOLOGY.

Major Renovation of Program Areas: restroom renovation, convert standard classroom into Family Resource Area.

**Newport Intermediate**

Major Renovation of Building Systems to include: SITEWORK, INTERIOR FINISHES, ELECTRICAL (INCLUDING LIGHTING), TECHNOLOGY, FIXED EQUIPMENT.

**Newport Primary School**

Major Renovation of Building Systems to include: SITEWORK, DOORS, INTERIOR FINISHES, MECHANICAL (HVAC), ELECTRICAL (INCLUDING LIGHTING), PLUMBING, TECHNOLOGY, FIXED EQUIPMENT.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement.

No one was in attendance from the general public; therefore, no comments were received and the meeting was adjourned.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Newport Independent Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Newport Independent Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Newport Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Noah Onkst, Architect

cc: Gary Leist, Manager  
Mr. Tony Watts, Superintendent  
Planning File

Attachments: Sign-In Sheet  
Public Hearing Agenda  
Newport Independent School District Facility Plan

\*This document is presented to KDE as submitted by the district-appointed hearing officer.