June 3, 2025

CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

A public hearing was held at the Christian County Board of Education, 200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 on June 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Christian County Public School District Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted <u>sixteen</u> in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted <u>four</u> to approve the new plan.

There were <u>four</u> individual(s) that attended the public hearing. Jack Lackey served as the locally appointed hearing officer. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, Dr. Jason Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Kevin Crider, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Marie Hughes, Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendents were present.

COMMENTS

Jack Lackey, Hearing Officer 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 Department of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer reviewed the local planning committee process through which the District Facilities Plan was developed, reviewed by the Kentucky Department of Education, approved by the Local Planning Committee, and approved by the Christian County Board of Education. The hearing officer reviewed key aspects of the proposed District Facilities Plan the proposed new District Facility Plan, including the plan of school organization, the designation of four secondary school facilities as "transitional," and the District Need of \$52,052,539.00. Assistant Superintendent Kevin Crider further described other key aspects of the proposed District Facilities Plan, including the following:

- Changes to School Centers
- Capital Construction Priority Changes
- Moving Martin Luther King, Jr., Early Learning Center to Priority #2
- Removal of the Learning Center
- The impact of the construction of the consolidated high school currently under construction

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

There were no guests requesting to make a statement.

There were no recorded or read statements

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Respectfully submitted,

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