

APPLICATION COVER SHEET (E)

Pursuant to KRS 156.161 and 701 KAR 5:170E, Elizabethtown Independent School District “District” hereby submits this waiver request to the Kentucky Board of Education seeking waiver from compliance with one or more statutes or administrative regulations.

The waiver(s) sought herein by District are sought to apply to the following District schools or programs: Section 101 of the Planning Manual per 501.3 to create a “Newly Constituted” LPC.

This waiver request is a:

District must select only one of the following

- ☒ NEW APPLICATION. District seeks new waiver(s) of statutes or administrative regulations not previously granted to District by the Kentucky Board of Education pursuant to 701 KAR 5:170E, or previously granted pursuant to 701 KAR 5:170E but now expired.
- ☐ RENEWAL APPLICATION. District seeks renewal of waiver(s) previously granted by the Kentucky Board of Education pursuant to 701 KAR 5:170E and still in effect as of the date of this application.
- ☐ AMENDMENT APPLICATION. District seeks to amend waiver(s) of statutes or administrative regulations previously granted to District by the Kentucky Board of Education pursuant to 701 KAR 5:170E and still in effect as of the date of this application.

In submitting this waiver request, District acknowledges and agrees to each of the following:

1. The Kentucky Board of Education does not have the authority to waive any statute or administrative regulation:
 - (a) Relating to health and safety, including required criminal background checks for staff and volunteers specified in KRS 160.380 and 161.148;
 - (b) Relating to civil rights;
 - (c) Required by federal law;
 - (d) Relating to compulsory attendance requirements under KRS 158.030 and 158.100 or the recording of data necessary for participation in the fund to support education excellence in Kentucky;
 - (e) Establishing certification requirements for teachers in core academic areas, except a waiver may authorize up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the teaching staff of a school may be employed without teacher certification if the individual possesses a baccalaureate or graduate degree in the subject the individual is hired to teach;
 - (f) Requiring students' participation in state assessment of student performance, as required under KRS 158.6453;

- (g) Financial audits, audit procedures, and audit requirements under KRS 156.265;
 - (h) Open records and open meeting requirements under KRS Chapter 61;
 - (i) Purchasing requirements and limitations under KRS Chapter 45A and KRS 156.074 and 156.480; or
 - (j) Requiring instructional time that is at least equivalent to the student instructional year specified in KRS 158.070.
2. The Kentucky Board of Education does not have the authority to waive any statute outside of its enforcement authority, or any administrative regulation promulgated by an agency other than the Kentucky Board of Education.
 3. District conducted a thorough review of this waiver request prior to submission to ensure that no part of its waiver request involves statutes or administrative regulations beyond the authority of the Kentucky Board of Education to waive as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) above. District understands that if it is determined that any portion of its request involves statutes or administrative regulations beyond the authority of the Kentucky Board of Education to waive as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, District's waiver request will be denied.
 4. District reviewed and understands the requirements and provisions of 701 KAR 5:170E as it relates to this waiver request.
 5. If District selected above that this is a NEW APPLICATION, District attaches to this Application Cover Sheet a Specific Waiver Request Form for each statute or administrative regulation for which District requests a waiver, and that District identified within each Specific Waiver Request Form the specific section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph of each statute or administrative regulation from which District requests a waiver.
 6. If District selected above that this is a RENEWAL APPLICATION, District attaches to this Application Cover Sheet a Renewal Application Form and all attachments required by the Renewal Application Form.
 7. If District selected above that this is an AMENDMENT APPLICATION, District attaches to this Application Cover Sheet an Amendment Request Form for a previously granted and unexpired waiver.
 8. If the District seeks identification of a school(s) or program(s) listed in the forms attached hereto as a School of Innovation pursuant to KRS 156.161 (4), it has: (a) utilized the Specific Waiver Request Form for each statute or administrative regulation from which District requests a waiver that prevents the District from entering into an agreement with an education service provider to assist in the management and operation of the school(s) or program(s) identified on the form; and (b) attached to the Specific Waiver Request Form a copy of the proposed agreement with the education service provider for the school(s) or program(s).
 9. In determining whether to grant this waiver request, in whole or in part, the Kentucky Board of Education will evaluate whether the request demonstrates that the waiver is more likely than not: (a) to improve the operation of the school(s) or program(s) listed in the forms attached

hereto, without hindering student academic achievement; or (b) to improve student academic achievement at the school(s) or program(s) listed in the forms attached hereto. District recognizes that such evaluation and determination is within the discretion of the Kentucky Board of Education.

10. District understands that if the Kentucky Board of Education at any time finds by a two-thirds (2/3) vote that a waiver granted pursuant to this request hindered school or program operations, endangered students, impeded student academic achievement, or supported financial malfeasance or criminal activity, then the waiver shall be rescinded. District recognizes that such a determination is within the discretion of the Kentucky Board of Education.
11. District recognizes that the existence of a waiver shall not negate the legal duties or professional responsibilities of a District employee, and agrees that it shall implement policies and procedures accordingly.
12. District understands and agrees that any waiver granted pursuant to this request, except for a waiver of minimum nutritional standards as provided in KRS 158.854, shall expire on June 30 of the third full school year following the date the request was approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, regardless of subsequent amendment, unless the Kentucky Board of Education renews the waiver prior to expiration. Waivers of minimum nutritional standards as provided in KRS 158.854 shall expire one year following the date the request was approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, regardless of subsequent amendment, unless the Kentucky Board of Education renews the waiver prior to expiration. District further understands and agrees that it shall track the expiration date of any waiver(s) granted pursuant to this request and will immediately implement all statutory and regulatory requirements upon the expiration date of any waivers granted pursuant to this request. District acknowledges that it is District's responsibility to request any renewals pursuant to the requirements of 701 KAR 5:170E.
13. The information provided in this waiver request application and the attachments hereto are true and correct to the best of District's knowledge. The representations made by District in this waiver request application and the attachments hereto will be relied upon by the Kentucky Board of Education as material in its decision making. Upon learning that any information provided herein is inaccurate or incomplete, District will take affirmative steps to correct such information.
14. District represents that this waiver request, including any attachments hereto, were presented to the District board of education and approved by said board during a meeting on July 21, 2025.
15. District understands that no waiver granted as part of this request shall imply, suggest, or otherwise indicate that any other statute or administrative regulation is implicitly waived and that District will continue to comply with all statutes and administrative regulations not specifically waived by the Kentucky Board of Education in response to this request.



Signature
Guy Wallace
District Board Chair

July 21, 2025
Date

Mail this completed form and all attachments to:

Kentucky Department of Education
ATTN: Waiver Request
300 Sower Blvd. 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Kentucky Department of
E D U C A T I O N

District Name:
Elizabethtown Independent School District

School(s)/Program(s) to Which Waiver Request Applies:
Elizabethtown Independent School District Facility Plan

Statute or Administrative Regulation District Requests be Waived:
Districts should include the specific section(s), subsection(s), paragraph(s), or subparagraph(s) that it requests be waived for the statute or administrative regulation listed. A separate Specific Waiver Request Form is required for each statute or administrative regulation that District requests be waived.

SECTION 101 OF THE PLANNING MANUAL PER 501.3 TO CREATE A “NEWLY CONSTITUTED” LPC

School of Innovation Designation

A District may seek to have school(s) or program(s) listed above identified as a “School of Innovation” for the purpose of allowing the District to enter into an agreement with an education service provider to assist in the management and operation of the school(s) or program(s). Does District seek to have the school(s) or program(s) listed above identified as a “School of Innovation” for this purpose?

District must select only one of the following:

- ☒ NO.
- ☐ YES. If District selects “YES,” it must describe below how the statute or administrative regulation listed above currently prevents the District from entering into an agreement with an education service provider to assist in the management and operation of the school(s) or program(s), and attach a copy of the proposed contract with an education service provider to assist in the management and operation of the school(s) or program(s).

Waiver Justification

Describe how the District wishes to operate the school(s) or program(s) listed above and how the statute or administrative regulation listed above prevents desired operations.

The District wishes to continue using its current Local Planning Committee (LPC) to maintain the District Facility Plan (DFP) in order to address facility needs that remain unmet from the previous revision completed two years ago. Section 101 of the Planning Manual, per 501.3, requires the formation of a newly constituted LPC for a new planning cycle. However, the District believes that reconvening the existing LPC—whose members are still active and representative—will allow for greater continuity and efficiency in addressing outstanding facility priorities.

Describe in detail how waiver of the statute or administrative regulation listed above will improve operations or student academic achievement in the school(s) or program(s) listed above.

Granting this waiver will allow the District to maintain momentum by leveraging the experience and knowledge of the current LPC members, who are already familiar with the facility needs and planning process.

Describe how waiver of the statute or administrative regulation listed above may hinder student academic achievement in the school(s) or program(s) listed above. Describe how District will address any hindrance of student academic achievement if the waiver is granted.

The primary concern might be the perception of limited stakeholder input if a new LPC is not formed. The current LPC is composed of diverse and representative members who have already engaged in extensive planning and consultation during the previous DFP cycle. To ensure continuity and informed decision-making, the District will rely on the committee's existing knowledge base and documented input from prior public engagement. Any potential impact on student academic achievement will be mitigated through continued alignment of facility planning with instructional goals and equity priorities.

Describe how District intends to measure the impact on students enrolled in the school(s) or program(s) listed above if a waiver is granted for the statute or administrative regulation listed above.

The District will evaluate the impact through progress on facility upgrades. Improvements in the physical learning environment will be monitored for their correlation with student engagement, attendance, and achievement.

List every attachment to this form District provides in support of its responses above, including a brief description of how the attachment supports District's responses.

Elizabethtown Independent School District Facility Plan

Current LPC Member list

KBE APPROVAL DATE: JUNE 2021

DFP REVISIONS

FINDING NO. 1 JUNE, 2023

ITALIC

FINDING NO. 2 OCTOBER, 2023

ITALIC UNDERLINE

**ELIZABETHTOWN IND. SCHOOLS
DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN**

NEXT DFP DUE: JUNE 2025

PLAN OF SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

1. Current Plan PS-K, K-12, 1-5, 6-8, 9-12
2. Long Range Plan PS-K, K-12, 1-5, 6-8, 9-12

			EOY 2019 Student Enrollment
			Capacity
SCHOOL CENTERS			
1. Secondary			
a. Elizabethtown High School (A1)	Permanent	9-12 Center	766/833
b. Valley View Education Center (A5)	Permanent	K-12 Center	20/90
2. Middle			
a. T K Stone Middle School (A1)	Permanent	6-8 Center	625/464
3. Elementary			
a. Helmwood Heights Elementary School (A1)	Permanent	1-5 Center	398/600
b. Morningside Elementary School (A1)	Permanent	1-5 Center	446/510
c. Panther Academy (A1)	Permanent	PS-K Center	157/280

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES (Schedule within the 2022-2024 Biennium)

New Construction to meet student capacity, further implementation of established programs; or complete approved project in

1a. phases:

1. Elizabethtown CTE

Construct: Construct a new CTE Building, facility on site TBD.

1 Business Education

Technology

1 Construction Technology

1 Engineering Technology

Education

1 Health Science

1 Welding Education

25,639

SF

2,462 nsf

4,399 nsf

3,876 nsf

2,586 nsf

1,537 nsf

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nsf

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Eff. %

Cost Est.

74%

74%

74%

74%

74%

Eff. %

Cost Est.

\$

1,159,801.62

\$

2,072,285.68

\$

1,825,910.27

\$

1,218,215.68

\$

724,051.62

1c. Major renovation/additions of educational facilities; including expansions, kitchens, cafeterias, libraries, administrative areas, auditoriums, and gymnasiums.

1. Elizabethtown High School (1972, 1998, 2005, 2007)

(Area includes Auditorium at TK Stone MS)

150,452 gsf

Major Renovation of buildings, or portions of buildings, older than 30 years (1972) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Renovation to include replacement of plumbing fixtures, domestic water distribution, sanitary waste, water supply, fittings, wall finishes, floor finishes, ceiling finishes, electrical service, distribution branch wiring, exterior windows, exterior doors / hardware, fittings, exterior walls, partitions and domestic water heaters. Replace Gymnasium Bleachers.

\$8,785,174

\$8,564,174

2. T K Stone Middle School (1954, 1993, 2003, 2013)

75,874 of 141,014 gsf

(Areas include Natatorium at TK Stone MS)

Major Renovation of buildings, or portions of buildings, older than 30 years (1954 ,1993) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Site improvement, Parking, Pedestrian pavements, Electrical, Branch wiring, Lighting, Storm drainage, Site lighting, Interior doors, Wall finishes, Floor finishes, Ceilings, HVAC, Building controls, Exterior windos, Exterior doors, and Interior partitions. Renovate 1954 classroom wing to create appropriately sized spaces. Renovation of Lobby, Administration area, Gymnasium, Media Center, Restrooms. Renovate existing undersized Band classroom to be Vocal Music Classroom. Renovation (3) existing undersized Science Labs to (3) Standard Classrooms. Renovate undersized Vocal Music Classroom to be (2) Resource Rooms. Renovate existing space to address program deficiencies of (1) FRC @ 300 SF, and (4) Resource Rooms @ 375 SF.

\$8,687,255

Major Renovation of building, or portions of buildings, less than 30 years but older than 15 years (2003) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Roofing.

\$284,609

Construct:	4	Standard Classroom	750 nsf	3,000 nsf	71%	\$1,039,817
	2	Resource Rooms	375 nsf	750 nsf	71%	\$259,954
	1	FMD	825 nsf	825 nsf	71%	\$285,950
	2	Science Classrooms	1,000 nsf	2,000 nsf	71%	\$693,211
	1	Band Classroom	2,500 nsf	2,500 nsf	71%	\$866,514
	1	Computer Classroom	900 nsf	900 nsf	71%	\$311,945

3. Morningside Elementary School (1954, 1957, 1997, 2003)

65,140 of 141,014 gsf

(Total area include Natatorium at TK Stone MS)

Major Renovation of buildings, or portions of buildings, older than 30 years (1954, 1957) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sanitary waste, primary HVAC pumps, controls and instrumentation, intercom and paging, fire alarm systems, and exterior wall repairs.

\$369,476

Major Renovation of building, or portions of buildings, less than 30 years but older than 15 years (1997, 2003) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Primary HVAC pumps, controls and instrumentation.

\$119,213

Construct:	1	Cafeteria Expansion	1,407 nsf	1,407 nsf	74%	\$462,485
	2	Kitchen Expansion	646 nsf	1,292 nsf	74%	\$424,684

1e. Renovation to upgrade all existing facilities to meet the most current life safety requirements of the Kentucky

Building Code.

Eff. %

Cost Est.

1. Elizabethtown High School (1972, 1998, 2005, 2007)

150,452 gsf

(Area includes Auditorium at TK Stone MS)

Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.

\$150,000

2. Valley View Education Center (1959)

21,130 gsf

Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.

\$125,000

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| <p>3. T K Stone Middle School (1954, 1993, 2003, 2013)
 (Areas include Natatorium at TK Stone MS)
 Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.
 Other items include Fire alarm systems, Exit & emergency light systems, and Security system.</p> | <p>75,874 of 141,014 gsf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$50,000</p> |
| <p>4. Helmwood Heights Elementary (1962, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2011)
 Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.
 Other items include Security systems.</p> | <p>55,726 sf.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$50,000</p> |
| <p>5. Morningside Elementary School (1954, 1957, 1997, 2003)
 (Total area includes Natatorium at TK Stone MS)
 Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.
 Other items include Fire alarm systems, Intercom and paging systems and Security systems.</p> | <p>65,140 of 141,014 gsf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$94,501</p> |
| <p>6. Panther Academy (1990, 2011)
 Pursuant to KRS 158.162 provide (1) controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; (2) controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; (3) controlling access to individual classrooms; (4) requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside; (5) requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time; and (6) requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown.
 Other items include Exit and emergency lighting systems, and Security systems.</p> | <p>48,098 gsf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$30,000</p> |

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES (Schedule after the 2024 Biennium)

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| <p>2c. Major renovation/additions of educational facilities; including expansions, kitchens, cafeterias, libraries, administrative areas, auditoriums, and gymnasiums.</p> | Eff. % | Cost Est. |
| <p>1. Valley View Education Center (1959)
 Major Renovation of buildings, or portions of buildings, older than 30 years (1959) that have not been renovated in that time to include: Exterior windows, exterior doors, roofing, fittings, interior doors, wall finishes, ceiling finishes, pedestrian paving, site development, domestic water distribution rainwater drainage, domestic water heaters, how water boilers, exhaust ventilation systems, radiant heater units, controls and instrumentation, branch wiring, exit and emergency lighting, water supply, sanitary sewer, site lighting, exterior walls, floor finishes, plumbing fixtures, sanitary waste, and electrical service and distribution.</p> | <p>21,130 gsf</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,760,001</p> |
| <p>2. Helmwood Heights Elementary (1962, 1987, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2001, 2011)
 Major Renovation of buildings, or portions of buildings, older than 30 years (1962, 1987, 1991, 1993) that have not been renovated in that time to include: exterior windows, exterior doors / hardware, fittings, interior doors / hardware, wall finishes, floor finishes, ceilings, roadways, plumbing fixtures, domestic water distribution, domestic water heaters, sanitary waste, branch wiring, exit and emergency lighting systems, and water supply.</p> | <p>55,726 gsf</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,860,708</p> |

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES (Regardless of Schedule)

4. Management support areas; Construct, acquisition, or renovation of central offices, bus garages, or central stores

			Eff. %	Cost Est.
1. Central Board Office				
Construct:	Construct a new central board office facility on a site tbd.	6,000 gsf	74%	\$1,669,622
2. Central Bus Garage				
Construct:	Construct 2-bay bus garage facility on a site tbd.	3,600 gsf	74%	\$914,984
3. Maintenance Building (Existing Bus Garage - 2000)		5,100 gsf		
	Existing facility's low structure will not accommodate a bus service lift. Convert use of this facility to accommodate District maintenance, buildings and grounds, and District storage. Major Renovation of building, or portions of buildings, less than 30 years but older than 15 years that have not been renovated in that time to include; Site improvements, site lighting, paving, site drainage, replace damaged wall panels, thermal envelope improvements, exterior and interior doors / hardware and frames including overhead doors, renovate toilet rooms, HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades, replace lighting, power / data upgrades for technology, replace fire alarm / security systems, and add an exterior door access control system.			\$300,000

DISTRICT NEED

\$37,595,367

5. Discretionary Construction Projects; Functional Centers; Improvements by new construction or renovation.

Estimated Costs of these projects will not be included in the FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOTAL.

			Eff. %	Cost Est.
1. Elizabethtown High School (1972, 1998, 2005, 2007)		150,452 gsf		
	(Area includes Auditorium at TK Stone MS)			
	Renovation to include: Electrical service and distribution, branch wiring, water supply, and sanitary waste.			\$324,516
	<u>Replace Gymnasium bleachers</u>			<u>\$221,000</u>
	Add lighting & bleachers at the practice soccer field			\$450,000
	Regrading & drainage improvements for practice soccer field			\$50,000
	Construct 8 new lighted tennis courts			\$1,200,000
	ADA improvements, replace doors & hardware, renovate toilets, add fire alarm for baseball press box.			\$65,000
2. T K Stone Middle School (1954, 1993, 2003, 2013)		75,874 of 141,014 gsf		
	(Areas include Natatorium at TK Stone MS)			
	Reconstruct athletic field due to required relocation to accommodate academic expansion, to include playing field, grandstands, support facilities of restrooms, concessions, etc., sports lighting and parking.			\$1,100,000
3. Helmwood Heights Elementary (1962, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2011)		55,726 gsf		
	Renovation to include: sanitary waste, branch wiring, exterior wall repairs at 1996 Gymnasium, add bleacher seating for 400, and bathroom renovations.			\$386,440
4. Morningside Elementary School (1954, 1957, 1997, 2003)		65,140 of 141,014 gsf		
	(Total area includes Natatorium at TK Stone MS)			
	Renovation to include: sanitary waste, roof repairs @ low-slope roofs, and replace kitchen make-up air unit.			\$155,031
5. Panther Academy (1990, 2011)		48,098 gsf		
	Renovation to include: Add canopies at exterior doors, site drainage improvements, add gates to patios, add gym bleacher seating, reconfigure bathrooms adjacent to Board room, and relocate washer and dryer to the special ed. classroom.			\$125,000

Current LPC Members

Name	Role
Guy Wallace	Board Member
Andy Games	Community Leader
Julia Keathley	Teacher
Tim Vowels	District Facilities Director
Ed Poppe	Local Building/Zoning Official
Denise Morgan	Finance Director/Central Office Staff
Brooke Wallace	Parent
Derek Pfeiffer	Teacher
Josh Henderson	Building Administrator - EHS
Heather Coogle	Teacher
Carla Kuhn	Building Administrator - PA
Melissa Nepi	Parent
James Shaw	Community Leader
Wesley Hatfield	Teacher
Teresa Harris	Community Leader
Hope Janes	Building Administrator - TKS
Heather Goodman	Building Administrator - MES
Wayne Ireland	Parent
Paul Mullins	Superintendent
David McKinney	Parent

EHS - Etown High School

TKS - TK Stone

PA - Panther Academy

MES - Morningside