



JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Facilities Local Planning Committee

C.B. Young Service Center
3001 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY 40209
March 18, 2026

LPC Members Present

William Allen	X	Rebecca Fleischaker		George Nichols		Amy Strite	X
Susan Biasioli	X	Rob Fulk	X	Jeff O'Brien		Andrew Terry	X
Marland Cole		Monica Hunter	X	Anthony Piagentini		Chuck Truesdell*	X
Kellye Cunningham	X	Gail Logan Strange	X	Teneasha Schwieman	X	Tyra Walker	X
Zak Dugla	X	Angela Masden	X	Lindsey Stewart	X	*non-voting member	

Minutes

Call to Order
Dr. Rob Fulk, Chief Operations Officer, called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
Dr. Rob Fulk made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on February 16, 2026. The motion was seconded by Tyra Walker. Twelve (12) members were in favor; Zero (0) members were opposed. The motion passed.
Presentation of Materials
<p><u>Recap of JCPS Demographics:</u> Brent West, Executive Director Geographic Information Systems, along with Dr. Rob Fulk presented a recap on JCPS Demographics and Enrollment. West noted that a significant amount of the schools in JCPS were built during the baby boom, so there are a lot of aging buildings.</p> <p>Enrollment Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment peaked slightly above 100,000 in 2016.• Declines are expected to continue due to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lower birth rates○ Shifts in population○ Reduced immigration <p>Geographic Shifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some zip codes show growth, while others show significant decline.• Kindergarten enrollment has dropped from ~7,300-7,400 pre-COVID to ~6,700-6,800 post-COVID.

Draft District Facility Plan (DFP):

Susan Biasioli, Executive Director Facility Planning, Design, and Construction, walked through the differences of the draft plan handed out at the first meeting and the one being presented today. She noted that the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) had changed the format and what was originally presented was a list form with a dollar amount for each line was now a new paragraph-style format with one total dollar amount.

Biasioli went through the sections of the draft DFP, explaining what each represented.

School Center Classifications

- Buildings are listed as permanent or transitional, noting that to be replaced and rebuilt a school must be listed as transitional per regulations.
- Transitional buildings cannot receive restricted funding.
- Wheatley Elementary is designated transitional and will be disposed of once Hudson Middle School is completed, Fulk pointed out.

Section 1A – New Construction (Capacity Needs)

- New 650-student elementary school in South Louisville due to population shifts.
- Land purchase will be required.

Section 1B – New Construction (Replacement of End-of-Life Buildings)

Projects Identified

- Carrithers Middle School – rebuild on existing site. Fulk noted this is our last open-concept building that the district has
- Cochrane Elementary – rebuild; students temporarily relocated to Zachary Taylor, first school to use the swing space.
- Goldsmith Elementary – rebuild on Van Hoose/LAM site due to floodplain issues at current location.
- Olmstead Academy South – rebuild on newly purchased land; recommendation to merge North & South campuses into a single 1,200-student school.
- Westport Middle – rebuild on site.
- Wilt Elementary – rebuild on site.

Chuck Truesdell, Superintendent Designee/Executive Administrator Government & Community Relations, raised the question that if we merged the two campuses back together, would we no longer allow students to then go to Conway, Lassiter, or Meyzeek. Fulk responded that if the schools were to merge into a dual gender middle school, the opt out would no longer exist. Truesdell followed with even with that, 1,200 student capacity would be enough space. Fulk answered that it would give us more than enough room and enough coverage for the students in the area.

Gail Logan Strange, Board Member District 1, asked where Hudson and Grace James fall in this plan. Fulk and Biasioli explained that those schools are on the current DFP and once a project is started, it is removed when creating the new plan.

Section 1C – Major Renovations

- Includes buildings not renovated in 30+ years.
- Covers full renovations as well as major systems such as roofs, chillers, and boilers, which are eligible after 15 years.
- Schools listed in alphabetical order
- Fulk pointed out that listing these projects makes them eligible for restricted funding, but notes that we will not get to all of them

Section 1E – Life Safety

- Fire alarms, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and security systems.
- Required by KDE to be listed separately.



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Sections 2A–2E – Future Projects (2+ Years Out)

- These mirror Sections 1A–1E but are scheduled for later years.

Section 3 – Non-Educational Additions

- Includes cafeteria/gym separations and other non-instructional spaces.
- Low priority due to limited funding.
- Could not get to these projects until all work in sections 1A-2E are completed first

Why does the DFP include more work than can be accomplished in four years?

- The DFP is a snapshot of the district need
- Some flexibility to divert to a school that was further down the list but suddenly breaks down and has to move up, as long as it is listed on the plan

Fulk briefly discussed funding, noting that if you want more work done, you have to increase the bonding capacity of the district. This is done either by contributing with general fund or by going to the tax base and asking for a nickel tax.

Funding Overview

- Total DFP need: ~\$1.6 billion.
- Annual bonding capacity: \$180–200 million.
- Additional funding options:
 - Nickel tax → +\$55M/year
 - Dime tax → +\$100M/year

Long-Range (10-Year) Construction Plan

The district remains committed to building 20 schools in 10 years.

Highlights include:

- Upcoming Major Projects
 - FY27: Westport rebuild, Cochrane rebuild, McFerran renovation, JCTMS renovation
 - FY28: Male HS renovation, Goldsmith rebuild, Olmstead South rebuild, Wellington and Cochran renovations
 - FY29: New Southwest elementary, Carrithers rebuild, Wilt rebuild, Meyzeek renovation
 - FY30: Western HS rebuild (pending enrollment), Hawthorne renovation, Maupin renovation, Jacob renovation
 - FY31–35: Multiple elementary, middle, and high school rebuilds and renovations

Questions and Comments

Zak Dugla, Teacher, raised the question about there being two Cochran(e)s. Fulk explained that there is Cochran and Cochrane with an e, or typically known as Cochran in the city and Cochrane in the county. Dugla also asked about funding structure and if KDE provided funding per category. Fulk explained that our funding is not provided by KDE but by bond sales. KDE's role is to review the plan, make sure we are legally compliant, and make sure the plan is correct. Zak then asked about gender neutral staff restrooms in buildings. Biasioli and Fulk reiterated that these are trying to be incorporated in new designs, and sometimes we can accommodate through our renovation shop.

Chuck Truesdell asked the question about the Yum building not being listed on the plan and if any renovation was planned there. Fulk and Biasioli explained there were no concerns with the systems in the building, the only renovations would be furniture and IT changes. Biasioli noted that no administrative buildings are included in this plan. Truesdell then asked why Roosevelt-Perry and Young were listed in the

school center list while Grace James and Hudson were also listed. Fulk explained that the district does not plan to keep the Roosevelt-Perry building once it is vacated. Susan Biasioli also explained that there was some confusion on KDE's part when putting together the school center list due to what is currently occupied by what school program versus what will be occupied when the plan is ultimately approved.

Tyra Walker asked what the ETA on opening Hudson was and if it was the original opening date. Susan Biasioli answered that it is expected to be open in 2028. Fulk explained it was originally planned for mid-year 2027 but ultimately decided to not do a mid-year opening. Walker also asked if it was possible to move the King community into the Young building once it is vacated. Fulk explained that there were decisions pending but he did not want to get in front of the superintendent's thoughts and ideas.

Gail Logan Strange raised the question about remediation of the land at Hudson and if we were on target for that. Fulk explained that we are fully in compliance and confident we have done what is needed to do to take care of that. Susan Biasioli also noted that the energy cabinet recently came out and did an audit and found us in compliance for what needed to be done for construction.

There were no further questions.

Dr. Rob Fulk explained that the order of business tonight is to vote to send the Draft District Facility Plan to KDE for their review and comments. We are not fully approving the plan at this meeting. KDE takes about a month to review and return to the committee. Once we get it back, we meet again and decide whether we send it on to the Board of Education for their approval to submit to KDE for a final approval.

Vote on Approval of Draft District Facility Plan to Submit to KDE

With no further questions or comments, Dr. Rob Fulk entertained a motion for a roll call vote to submit the draft District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education. Tyra Walker made a motion, and was seconded by Gail Logan Strange. A roll call vote was initiated with eleven (11) members in favor; Zero (0) members opposed; and one (1) member abstaining, the motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates

Susan Biasioli mentioned that the next Local Planning Committee meeting would tentatively be held on Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 5:00pm pending KDE review and return of the draft DFP.

Adjournment

At 5:47 pm, Dr. Rob Fulk, entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was raised by Susan Biasioli and seconded by Rob Fulk. Eleven (11) members were in favor; Zero (0) members were opposed. The motion passed.

Visitors in attendance:

Tracy Jones – Civil Design, Inc.		
Ryan Kidd – JCPS		
Kathryn Muchnick – Courier Journal		
John Niehoff – JCPS		
Eileen Van Hoose – JCPS		
Brent West - JCPS		