



Fayette County Board of Education January 25, 2021

As part of our commitment to providing timely, clear, and accurate information to students, staff, families, and community members, we are please to provide a recap of our monthly school board meetings.

WELCOME & RECOGNITIONS

Board Chair Tyler Murphy welcomed those members of the public watching the school board meeting online, before inviting Heidi Reihing, FCPS Facilities Manager & Coordinator of Special Events and Projects to present the recognition portion of the agenda.

Since January is National School Board Appreciation month, Reihing shared messages from the following individuals:

- Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton
 - Commerce Lexington Board Chair Ray Daniels
 - FCPS Equity Council Chair Bret Nathaniel
 - Fayette County Education Association President Jessica Hiler
 - Fayette County Educational Support Professionals Association President Tonyia Coles
 - 16th District PTA President Penny Christian
 - Acting Superintendent Marlene Helm
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acting Superintendent Marlene Helm and members of the district leadership team provided additional information about plans to return to In-Person Learning when conditions allow.

[Access the full PPT here](#)

Highlights Included:

- An update on the [Jan. 25](#) Fayette County Public Schools COVID-19 In-Person Learning Matrix.
- Information about professional learning provided since last summer to help teachers transition to remote learning, guidance developed to ensure engaging instruction for a return to in-person learning and identify individual student needs.
- A preview of plans underway for robust in-person summer programs at every school in the district and extended learning opportunities for students during the 2021-22 school year.
- The creation of a free app that provides daily updates on the In-Person Learning Matrix and additional information about the district's return to in-person learning.

- The app called "FCPS (KY) Matrix" is available in the App Store and Google Play.
- A report on HVAC upgrades at 19 schools with the oldest systems in the district, including the addition of UVC lights. Work is already complete at Beaumont Middle, Booker T. Washington Elementary, Dixie Elementary, Julius Marks Elementary, Lafayette High, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Rosa Parks Elementary, Southern Elementary, Southern Middle, Tates Creek High, The Learning Center, and Winburn Middle. Construction will take place next at Eastside Technical Center, Henry Clay High, Northern Elementary, the Preschool Center, Rise STEM Academy, Southside Technical Center and the former Johnson Elementary building. Air purifiers will also be available for all classrooms in these 19 schools. At schools with more modern HVAC systems, the district will run those systems longer, starting earlier each day and later in the evenings to assist with indoor air quality.
- A reminder that the district has already purchased and stocked more than adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) including disposable masks, KN95 masks, clear shields, face shields, safety glasses, gowns and gloves.
- News that FCPS employees began receiving vaccinations last week. According to a report from the University of Kentucky, 5,422 doses have been given to K-12 employees, including both public and private school staff.

The board then previewed videos developed by Tates Creek High and Veterans Park Elementary as examples of communication schools are providing to families.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the [January construction highlights](#), including plans for a secure vestibule to be built for the Carter G. Woodson Primary Academy that will open in August 2021. This will bring the total to 29 schools where secure vestibules have been added. He then reviewed progress on the new Tates Creek High School building.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS



The board voted to approve:

- The addition of a position for a Temporary Tutor to the 2020-2021 salary schedule for the purpose of use with the AmeriCorps grant as well as other tutoring programs in the future.
- A new job description for a risk management specialist. Although this a new job description, it will not be an additional position. The district has a vacancy that we will be repurposed at a savings to the budget.
- A contract to administer the ACT to our 10th graders.
- The monthly financial report.

Under informational items, the board received a legislative preview from Babbage Cofounder, the firm hired to represent the interests of FCPS in Frankfort and heard public feedback gathered on the [Annual Nutrition and Physical Activity Report](#). District officials also shared that when students return for in-person learning, federal guidelines will allow all students to receive free breakfast and lunch through the remainder of the school year.

The official minutes from January 25, 2021 will be posted within the agenda of the February 22, 2021 school board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

The school board's action meetings are televised live on FCPS-ETV (Spectrum Channel 197, Windstream Channel 13, and MetroNet Channel 2) starting at 6 p.m. Because of COVID-19 precautions, the meetings are virtual, so community members may [email input to school board members](#). The meetings are also replayed the same week at 2 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 2 p.m. Saturday, and are archived through the [FCPS YouTube channel](#). Planning and action meetings are also streamed live through the district's [YouTube channel](#) and [Video on Demand service](#). If watching on the district website, please hover over the Live Streams banner at the top and click on the play button to begin on your device.

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