



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Buzz



SPECIAL EDITION

Fayette County Board of Education Workshop March 2, 2022

BOARD WORK SESSION RECAP

Members of the Fayette County Board of Education gathered Wednesday afternoon to begin the process of building a 5-year budget. The board workshop, which has been planned for weeks, provided an opportunity for board members to do a deep dive revenue forecasts and possible future expenditures for projected needs, such as:



- Specialized curriculum and additional staff to work with students identified as gifted and talented.
- Support for students with special needs.
- Expanding the number of professionals and services available for students classified as English language learners.
- Increasing early childhood education opportunities.
- Staffing.
- Technology.
- Facilities and maintenance.

BOARD ACTION

Members of the Fayette County Board of Education voted unanimously to:



- Approve extended field trips for Frederick Douglass High School, Henry Clay High School, and Morton Middle School.
- Re-imagine the Virtual Learning Academy as it currently exists for the 2022-23 school year. Students at the elementary level would transition to in-person learning at their regularly assigned school because the state waiver that allows elementary students to receive virtual instruction expires at the end of this school year. Middle and high school students would have the option of continuing to learn online at The Success Academy, which is another special program in the district. The Virtual Learning Academy opened in the fall of 2020 to provide an online learning option during the COVID-19 pandemic. It currently serves 493 students and only 16 new students were slated to enroll next year.
- Grant Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins the authority to lift the existing mask mandate conditional upon federal and state public health recommendations. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Kentucky Department for Public Health advise that when COVID-19 community levels are high, schools should continue universal masking for all students and staff in schools and on buses. When community levels are medium or low, masking is not required. At this time, the community level in Fayette County is classified as high according to state and federal metrics. The board's action clears the way for

the superintendent to lift the universal mask mandate in alignment with federal and state public health recommendations as soon as local community levels warrant such a change.

The official minutes from March 2, 2022 work session will be posted within the agenda of the next meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education.

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