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Joint Operating Committee Members,

Please share the below update regarding the status of the Cumberland Perry Area CTC facility planning process. As this project continues to progress, I want to ensure that this project has a level of awareness among the school board members in the consortium, as district support and approval will be required for any project that moves forward.

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*This communication is to provide consortium district board members information and awareness related to facility planning at Cumberland Perry Area CTC.*

*Cumberland Perry Area CTC is owned and operated by a 13-district consortium and provides regional Career and Technical Education to students effectively and efficiently. Over the past two years, the CTC has completed extensive evaluation and planning to ensure that the facility is able to successfully continue our mission to prepare students for employment and post-secondary education in areas that are essential to our community. The planning process has included input from school and regional stakeholders, advisory committees, and other organizations as well as workforce data and projections.*

*Some of the future challenges that have been identified include the following:*

- *There has been a 36% increase in enrollment from September 2011 to September 2021;*
- *Applications have grown from 550 five years ago to nearly 800 in 2021. As of February 2022, there are over 1000 applicants for the 2022-2023 school year;*
- *200 students remained on the waiting list for 2021-2022;*
- *Growth projections for technical programs are extremely high; CPACTC currently reaches about 13% of eligible students but does not have capacity for a significant increase, much less the 17% or more seen in other CTCs;*
- *CPACTC is a 50 year old facility and is dated in different aspects, with several operational deficiencies within our programs.*

*In order to prepare for and accommodate the next generation of students, we are at present working with our architect, solicitors, and financial consultants to finalize design and process details addressing the above issues. As CPACTC is funded through the consortium districts, any facility improvement and expansion plan funding will, ultimately, also require the support of the Joint Operating Committee and then each of our consortium district boards.*

*There will be more information and details regarding rationale, design recommendations, and necessary funding in the coming months. JOC members are encouraged to collect questions from their fellow board members and forward those to us so they can be explored and addressed.*

Sincerely,



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