



**Local Planning Committee Public Forum
Ambrose Building and Zoom
Monday, March 31, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

Members present: Carlos Cooper III, Amanda Ferguson, Kiyon Jenkins, Mike Jones, Dale Morgan, Anthony Orr, Boyd Sewe, Alan Stein, Myron Thompson, Benjamin VanderHorst

Staff and Visitors In Person: Ben Allen, Joy Clevenger, Anthony Everett, Richard Gaines, Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Carrie O’Conner, Kevin Payne, Beth Randolph, Matthew Spottswood, Rebecca Stephens, Karen Walker

There were also thirty-nine staff members and community members who joined via Zoom.

The Public Forum meeting was called to order by Ms. Joseph-Dezarn at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Joseph-Dezarn shared the Draft District Facility Plan (DFP) that is posted on the FCPS website. That document has been sent to Kentucky Department of Education and we are awaiting their comments and corrections. Ms. Joseph Dezarn explained the classifications within the Draft DFP.

Mr. Thompson welcomed the group and encouraged public comment. He explained that the District Facility Plan is a collaborative effort that involves the Local Planning Committee, Kentucky Department of Education and the Board of Education.

There were several staff and community members that expressed concerns and needs in the district.

Maxwell

- New facility for more space to accommodate growing enrollment
- A new building to accommodate more students – (900 capacity)

Lafayette High School

- Rebuild, not a remodel
- Issues including HVAC, plumbing, and safety concerns, and consider rebuilding the school instead of just renovating
- Need for critical repairs and new construction to address outdated facilities
- Renovations are insufficient and advocates for a new building
- Outdated facilities and safety concerns.
- Overcrowding
- A new building due to severe issues with HVAC, plumbing, and Wi-Fi
- Outdated facilities and overcrowding

- Small halls and classrooms, not enough bathrooms, inequality from other newer schools
- New auditorium

George Washington Carver

- Need for a new building rather than maintenance projects
- Determining a site and timing of the project
- Building needed to provide a sense of pride and heritage for African American and Hispanic boys

SCAPA Bluegrass

- Need for a new performing arts facility
- Improve the performance spaces and facilities for the Scapa Blue Grass program
- A new facility for a dedicated performing arts space

Southern Middle School

- New building to address small hallways, outdated facilities, and regular maintenance issues

The Local Planning meeting and Public Forum scheduled for tomorrow, April 1st, has been cancelled but will be rescheduled after Spring Break.

The Public Forum adjourned at 6:20 PM.