



The BOARD REPORT

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➤➤ Board authorizes purchase agreement for property on Shoppers Drive

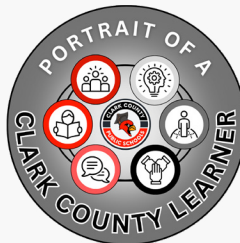
The Board authorized a purchase agreement for property at 273 Shoppers Drive for \$1.4 million.

The site is being acquired from the Clark County Public Health Taxing District.

The Board voted to reconvene the Local Planning Committee to request a formal finding to adjust the District Facilities Plan regarding the current Central Office building.

➤➤ Portrait of a Learner: From vision to reality

What began in 2022 as a conversation about what every graduate should know and be able to do is now driving daily instruction and culture across Clark County Public Schools.



Instructional Specialist Alyson Hill gave a progress report on the Portrait of a Clark County Learner initiative. Now a visible part of the district's identity, the Portrait serves as a guiding framework for decisions, priorities, and the future of CCPS.

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Integrate/Implement
2026-27
Show Off/Showcase
2027-28
Voice/Vision

➤➤ NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 24 - 6pm

“NOTABLE & QUOTABLE”

“It’s so great to be able to go to the State Conference and see how much further we are ahead with things like security, technology, and other things. I feel like we’re always trailblazing and leading the way.”

-Board member Ben Dorsey after attending the Kentucky School Board Association Conference



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SURPRISE, SURPRISE!



RDC’s Jessica Satterwhite thought she was attending the Board meeting for a totally different reason and was shocked when Principal Tiffany Smith honored her with a Greatness Recognition.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Howard highlighted growing community engagement at the Hannah McClure Cardinal Community Center. The facility is hosting a wide range of events, including sports trainings, Health Department board meetings, banquets, tournaments, and mental health support groups. Additional programming, including pickleball, is planned as usage continues to expand.

Howard also announced that district promotional spots will air during coverage of the Boys' and Girls' Sweet 16 basketball tournaments, spotlighting preschool expansion, dual credit opportunities, Advanced Placement access, industry certifications, and community support.

Mr. Howard emphasized early childhood expansion as a major priority. In the 2026-27 school year, CCPS will offer preschool slots for any four-year-old who enrolls, solidifying Clark County as a statewide leader in access to early learning.

Howard also reported ongoing communication with state legislators regarding education-related bills and said a full legislative update will be provided once the session concludes.

Finally, he noted that the Board is expected to formally set the 2026 graduation date at its March meeting, with May 22 at 7 p.m. currently identified as the tentative date, pending weather-related adjustments.

Additional Business

The Board also approved:

- > A \$5,000 donation to GRC Project Graduation. The all-night event gives seniors a safe, supervised place to celebrate.
- > Dates for two special meetings – large-group Greatness recognitions on April 21, and a tentative budget meeting on May 28.
- > A resolution between the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Clark County Board of Education for participation in a Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant. The grants, totaling approximately \$50,000, would fund updated body armor and new firearms for school resource officers.
- > School-Based Healthcare Grant awards for GRC and RDC. The grant will fund two additional licensed mental health professionals for five years.
- > Monthly financial update, authorization of salaries and accounts payable, and FY2026–2027 tentative SBDM staffing allocations.
- > Numerous consent **AGENDA** items.

Board members shared takeaways from the recent state School Board Association conference. Sessions focused on leadership, ethics, legislation, school safety, and numerous other topics. Board members agreed the conference sessions were informative and productive.



➤➤ Portrait of a Learner powers CCPS future

Our Portrait of a Learner initiative has moved from concept to classroom practice, with the district now focused on deeper implementation and long-term sustainability.

The work began in 2022 with a guiding question: What should every Clark County graduate know, be able to do, and be like when they leave us?

Over the next two school years, the district gathered stakeholder input and refined a set of competencies reflecting the community's priorities.

Careful attention was given to the language used to define those competencies, ensuring they clearly captured shared aspirations for students.

The Portrait of a Learner officially launched in August 2024 with CCPS focusing on awareness and exploration the first year.

Teachers and students were encouraged to become familiar with the Portrait's vocabulary and begin connecting the competencies to classroom experiences.

This year began with a shift toward integration and implementation.

Schools are embedding Portrait language and competencies into daily instruction, classroom activities, and school culture.

During upcoming spring portrait events, students will reflect not only on academic progress, but also on their development within the Portrait competencies.

The Portrait has increasingly become part of the district's identity.

Visual branding – including posters and signage – is visible throughout schools.

Monthly recognitions now highlight staff and students who exemplify the competencies. The district's mission and vision statements have been aligned to reflect the Portrait's focus.

The Portrait of a Clark County Learner is no longer a vision.

It is a foundational framework guiding decisions, priorities, and long-term direction for Clark County Public Schools.

VIEW FULL PRESENTATION

IN CLARK COUNTY, WHAT DO WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO *know*, BE ABLE TO *do*, AND BE *like* WHEN THEY LEAVE US?

NEXT STEPS...

2025-2026



INTEGRATE AND IMPLEMENT

2026-2027



SHOWOFF AND SHOWCASE

2027-2028



VOICE AND VISION



GREATNESS RECOGNITIONS

The Clark County Board of Education Greatness Recognitions honor staff, students, and community members who exemplify one or more of the Portrait of a Clark County Learner competencies. This is Growing Greatness in action. Congratulations to all, and shoutout to our nominators!

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ENGAGED CITIZEN

OLIVER HUTCHENS

During the fall semester, Oliver was given the opportunity to design, weld, and install handrails to help create a safer environment for the community members at Grace Baptist Church. He not only excelled in his technical skills, but also made a meaningful and lasting impact on our community. Clark County ATC is honored to have Oliver represent our programs and exemplify the true spirit of an Engaged Citizen.




-JESSICA MCCULLOUGH, NOMINATOR

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RESILIENT LEARNER

ZACKARY HILSON

Zackary Hilson shows what it means to be a Resilient Learner. When the year started, Zackary stayed to himself and didn't say much. As we got to know each other, he started working really hard and asking for help to make up work in other classes to improve his grade. There have been several times he has sat with me at my desk, and we have worked through questions and problems to help him better understand the content of various classes. Just the other day he asked me to help him with finding a job. He shows up to school, is trying really hard, and is on track to walk with his classmates. I have seen a major change in Zackary as this school year has gone on. Seeing him starting to shine has been a great joy. He needs to know how much here at GRC, we believe in him being great.



-EDDIE BROOKS, NOMINATOR

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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

MARK & HANNA PUCKETT

Mark and Hanna Puckett are the definition of selfless community leaders at Baker Intermediate School. As engaged citizens dedicated to elevating the environment for both students and staff, their impact is visible in every corner of the building. Mrs. Puckett has served as a vital PTO officer for three years, frequently stepping in as a substitute teacher and providing thoughtful rewards for students and treats for staff—even famously using a power drill and a whisk to mix five-gallon buckets of pancake batter for teacher breakfasts. She has painted and decorated staff restrooms, planted and watered flowers, painted four-squares and our Bulldog, and has made sure every teacher treat and student reward is presented beautifully. Mr. Puckett, a proud veteran who shared his experiences during this year's Veterans Day Assembly, uses his incredible craftsmanship to bring holiday magic to the halls. Following last year's impressive Polar Express train, he spent his Thanksgiving break constructing a giant, life-sized Etch A Sketch for this year's Elf theme. From painting restrooms and "Bulldog" spirit art to installing soccer goals and cafeteria booths, the Pucketts' creativity and dedication have transformed the school. Their tireless work ethic and heart for service make them an indispensable part of the Baker Intermediate family.



-RENEE WARE, NOMINATOR

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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

JESSICA SATTERWHITE

Jessie's commitment to collaboration is unwavering, making her a remarkable example of greatness. Jessie's collaborative spirit and tireless efforts ensure folks are cared for and supported in all of their efforts. What makes Jessie invaluable is her kind spirit and remarkable dedication to her work. She's the person people go to when they need something, and plays a pivotal role in the daily operations in our building. Additionally, Jessie plays a vital role in our special events, too. One example is our Honors Night. Jesse collaborates with teachers, ensuring that operable systems are in place to document our students' achievements, orchestrates the design and printing of invitations and awards, and of distribution on honors night. She also helps with set up and design of the event, keeping Ms. Smith in line and on track throughout (LOL). Mrs. Satterwhite does all of this with a smile and collaborative spirit that can't be rivaled. RDC is a better place because she is there.



-TIFFANY SMITH, NOMINATOR



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EMPOWERED LEADER

MELISSA REDMON

Melissa Redmon has been a consistent Team Leader in our building for years. She inspires and models, always doing what is best for kids. She mentors and challenges her peers to strive for excellence, supporting and guiding them in this shared vision. Melissa has been a Team Lead and a Mentor Teacher for years. She is currently mentoring not one but two new staff members.



As team lead, she is committed to ensuring that 4th grade instruction is cohesive, holding the standard for student success to the highest level, and prioritizing collaboration. As a mentor, she challenges and supports our new teachers as they navigate their first year of teaching. Her leadership impacts the whole fourth grade and two other entire classrooms.

-MEGAN SWART, NOMINATOR

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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

SHARON HAMPTON

Sharon promotes teamwork and integrity in everything she does. She has stepped up while her lead teacher has needed a long-term sub to continue the structures and procedures already put into place. She stepped into guiding instructional practices and routines that were above and beyond her required duties. Nobody asked her to do this; she just knew it was what was best for students. She is integral in building the classroom community of student success. She is always willing to help and support any staff or student who needs assistance. She is a daily example of what a Committed Collaborator should embody.



-MEGAN SWART, NOMINATOR

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EMPOWERED LEADER

ALYSON HILL

Also known as the Portrait Princess, Mrs. Alyson Hill is the true leader behind Portrait of a Clark County Learner. Her vision, collaboration and commitment to ensuring the portrait is visible, known, and understood is insurmountable and is a true testament to the commitment she possesses for Clark County. From the portrait initiation, rollout, and creating a long-term plan, Alyson's leadership is instrumental. She exemplifies the Portrait of a Learner competency, Empowered Leader, as she leads the way in Clark County with our portrait growth. Thank you, Mrs. Hill, for your commitment and leadership to CCPS.



-KELLY FITHEN, NOMINATOR

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COMMITTED COLLABORATORS

TIFFANY AUSTIN AMBER MURPHY

At the heart of Flight Academy, you will find Tiffany Austin and Amber Murphy. From creating structures from the ground up, both have been instrumental in building, launching and flying this program. With each twist and turn, both have met every situation with positivity. They have always kept students at the forefront of every decision. They exemplify the Portrait of a Learner competency, Committed Collaborator, to its fullest potential. Thank you, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Murphy, for your commitment to CCPS.



-KELLY FITHEN, NOMINATOR

