

The ^{CCPS} BOARD REPORT

October 28, 2025

→ Board makes several decisions regarding roof replacement projects at RDC, Baker

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The board approved Codell Construction to provide construction management services for the upcoming renovation and roof replacement projects at Baker Intermediate and Robert D. Campbell Junior High. Codell was the sole respondent to the district's request for letters of interest. These projects were the top priorities in the most recent District Facilities Plan.

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS

Architect Brian Bucker presented schematic design updates for the RDC and Baker projects, including roof replacements, HVAC upgrades, and athletic improvements such as new turf fields. Cost estimates were refined from \$16-17 million to approximately \$12 million, with potential alternates to manage scope and cost. Bucker recommended structuring up to 10 bid alternates to give the district flexibility to add or remove components based on final pricing. The board approved the schematic designs with final approval set for the next meeting.

Bucker noted that completing all roof sections under one contract will ensure a consistent 20-year warranty. The board discussed potential cost savings of roughly \$300,000 if select roof areas in good condition were excluded, though the architect recommended completing all areas for long-term consistency and maintenance benefits.

RDC SITE SURVEY

To support the planned turf installation and future athletic facility work, the Board approved Thoroughbred Engineering to conduct a site survey for the RDC campus. The \$21,000 proposal was the lowest bid and offered the quickest turnaround.

→ NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

“We’re not just caring for children. We’re building the foundation for the next generation of learners right here in Clark County.”

-Director of Early Learning Jill Blanton while updating the Board on the Department's programs

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GREATNESS RECOGNITIONS

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Emmanuel Episcopal Church members Gloria Branham, Mary T. Yeiser, Sabrina Puckett, Will B. VanMeter, and the Rev. Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman presented a \$6,000 check to the CCPS Family Resource Youth Services Centers directors for use in their programs. The church has been a dedicated supporter for many years. Thank you to our neighbors and longtime friends!!



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→ In other action, the Board...

- Approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Key Assets, a local mental health provider, to offer school-based individual counseling and targeted case management services to students during the instructional day.
- Approved an MOA with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Kentucky, an agency specializing in services for students in foster care and those with high-risk factors. The partnership will allow SAFY to provide therapy and support services within schools.
- Approved updates to special education policies and procedures in compliance with KDE and federal IDEA guidelines. The revisions streamline progress monitoring by requiring only overall goal reporting for students not in alternate assessments, improving clarity for teachers and families. Chapter 8 on confidentiality remains unchanged.
- Accepted the first KETS technology offer of assistance, which supports technology initiatives and matches state funds for next year.
- Approved revised job descriptions, and second reading of policy 01.1.
- Received a report on the work of the Rowland Arts Center and its work with our students. [See Page 3.](#)
- Received an update on the Department of Early Learning from Director Jillian Blanton. [See Page 3.](#)
- Acknowledged the monthly CCPS financial update, including authorization for payment of salaries, and approval of accounts payable. Finance Director Aleisha Ellis reported that the district remains financially sound, maintaining a 6.9% contingency.
- Approved numerous consent agenda items.

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→ Superintendent's Report

Clark County Schools continues to prioritize student success, family involvement, and community partnerships, laying the foundation for a thriving educational environment.

Staff Work Day: November 4th, Election Day.

Kentucky State Assessment: District-level results have been delayed until November 17th, with public release shortly after. "We are growing greatness and making strides," said Mr. Howard, signaling strong progress.

Veterans Day Programs: Every school will host student-led celebrations honoring veterans for the second consecutive year.

Holiday Meals: Parents are invited to Thanksgiving and pre-Christmas meals to foster community engagement. "Building relationships when you eat together" is central to connecting families to schools, Howard noted.

Career and Technical Education Expansion: Principals visited Madison County programs for inspiration, planning to extend opportunities in Baker, RDC, and GRC. The goal is to provide students with hands-on career exposure from a younger age, integrating these experiences into the broader curriculum.

Curriculum Support: Funding has been allocated to ensure schools do not bear the cost of new curriculum, supporting district-wide initiatives and career exploration labs. Community and business partnerships will enhance these opportunities.

"We want students to have experiences that no Clark County student has had before at that age," Howard said.



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→ EARLY LEARNING UPDATE



Director Jillian Blanton shared a comprehensive update on the continued growth and success of the Department of Early Learning, which serves children from six weeks to twelve years old through its three major programs.

CARDINALS NEST (Ages 6 weeks–3 years)

- Enrollment: 50 children (20 infants, 30 toddlers, 15 staff).
- New Funnydaffer curriculum adopted.
- Received \$12,300 state Quality Improvement Stipend.
- Tripled in size since opening in Jan. 2024; third infant room opens Nov. 3, eliminating the district’s childcare waitlist.

CLARK COUNTY PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

- Level 5 All-Star program with 317 students in 19 classes and 80 staff (including therapists and specialists).
- Partnered with Head Start, Parks & Rec (Splash Class swim lessons), and FFA (farm visits & ag lessons).
- BAM Program brings male role models to classrooms.
- Fall Festival drew 486 attendees and 10 community partners.

AFTERCARE PROGRAM (Ages 3–12)

- Licensed Type I program at 6 sites (Preschool, four elementary schools, Baker Intermediate)
- Enrollment: 246 students, 27 staff
- Offers care during breaks and summer
- Increased by 75 students from 2024-2025 to 2025-2026

Total Served: 614 children (ages 6 weeks–12 years)

“All of our programs are growing and providing high-quality care and learning for our community’s youngest students,” Ms. Blanton told the Board.



Joseph Miller, Director of the Rowland Arts Center (RAC) in downtown Winchester, provided an update on the center’s ongoing programs and impact on Clark County youth.

Founded in 2013, the RAC continues its mission “to help the young people of Clark County dream big, and to provide them with the resources they need to be successful in middle school, high school, and life.” All RAC programs are offered at no cost to students.

The center operates as a drop-in teen center, open Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m. Students have access to mentoring, recreation, and a safe, welcoming space. The RAC is located in the former Winchester Federal Bank building, utilizing two floors for programming and student activities.

Miller highlighted Project Launch, an employability program designed to help high school students build workplace skills through mock interviews and job-readiness training. “Ninety percent of our students who have come through have found employment,” Miller said.

Other initiatives include Fifth Quarter, a safe after-game event drawing 50–80 students, and Mentors and Meals, now in its ninth year.

Mentors and Meals brings middle schoolers to the center for tutoring by GRC NHS and Beta Club members, followed by dinner. CCPS transports the students to the RAC.

Miller expressed gratitude to community and school partners, particularly the Transportation Department and family resource directors, for helping sustain the RAC’s mission. “The biggest investment we can make in our students is our time and attention,” he said.



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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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

SHANE SOUTHWOOD

Officer Southwood is new to CCPS and has gone out of his way to build relationships with the kitchen staff at Justice. On a day when staff was dealing with an emotional and stressful situation, he put on an apron and got behind the line to serve students during the lunch period. A kitchen staff member said, "He is a very smart man and he always makes us and the kids laugh. I feel he sensed the tension and panic and tried to create a distraction. The kids went absolutely nuts over it." I would like to recognize him as a Committed Collaborator for working across roles and showing kindness, empathy, and teamwork. When I found out what he had done for our staff, during this time of unexpected emergencies and being short staffed without time to get help, I was immensely grateful and wanted to recognize his service.


-Dr. Jennifer Muncy, Nominator



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CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENGAGED CITIZEN

BOB JACKSON



Bob has been a valued community partner with the Kiwanis/Lykins Foundation for 20 years. He exemplifies greatness as an Engaged Citizen by not only advocating for local support but also by tirelessly organizing community initiatives that directly address barriers for Clark County children, transforming concerns into tangible, positive change to maintain current essential services.

-Ros Gay, on behalf of the CCPS FRYSCs

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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

CAITLIN CRUMP ARIANA DANIEL

At the heart of every successful athletic program are people who care deeply – not just about performance, but about people. Caitlin Crump and Ariana Daniel embody that spirit every single day. This past weekend, our dedicated athletic trainers went above and beyond in their roles – though, for those who know them, this was not an isolated act. In the world of Clark County athletics, these two names are known by everyone – coaches, players, and parents alike. Caitlin and Ariana have built strong relationships with our student-athletes. They know each athlete by name, recognize their potential, understand their needs, and are always alert to possible concerns. Their connections extend beyond the sidelines – they know the parents, where they sit in the stands, and maintain open, caring communication. Their dedication far exceeds taping ankles and providing first aid. This weekend, they demonstrated true compassion and commitment. After a player suffered an injury Friday evening, Caitlin and Ariana didn't simply follow up with a message – they stayed with the family overnight, offering comfort and support. They even ensured the parent had transportation back to their car. This is what it means to be a Committed Collaborator – fully dedicated to the well-being of our players and their families. We are truly fortunate to have the best athletic trainers in the state, and we are grateful for all they do for our students, our teams, and our community.

-Kelly Fithen, Nominator



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COMMITTED COLLABORATOR

JOSEPH MILLER ROWLAND ARTS CENTER

We proudly recognize Rowland Arts Center Director Joseph Miller as a Committed Collaborator for the center's outstanding dedication to the youth of Winchester and Clark County. Through their vision and consistent support, the Rowland Arts Center has become a cornerstone for our teens – providing mentorship, meals, and meaningful programs that help young people thrive. The downtown RAC continues to create countless opportunities for teens to learn, grow, and build lasting relationships. We appreciate the Rowland Arts Center for their commitment to collaboration, creativity, and care for our youth.

-Dr. Dora Hall, Board of Education Vice Chair Nominator




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**COMMITTED COLLABORATOR
ENGAGED CITIZEN**

**EMANUEL EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

For years Emmanuel Episcopal Church has demonstrated a commitment to collaboration with CCPS through its support of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers across the district. The congregation has again made a generous donation, which gives coordinators the flexibility to respond to families in need of emergency assistance. For their continued support of Clark County students and the Winchester community, we would like to recognize Emmanuel Episcopal church and celebrate their mission to promote student success remove barriers.



-Kent Coogle, Nominator

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**RESILIENT LEARNER
EMPOWERED LEADER**

ADRIAN ODORIZZI

Adrian Odorizzi exemplifies GREATNESS as a Resilient Learner by overcoming personal challenges with determination and focus, ultimately turning her life around through hard work and perseverance. She demonstrates Empowered Leadership by serving as a positive role model, actively counseling younger students, and consistently setting a standard of excellence in both academics and behavior. Balancing employment with strong grades and a positive attitude, Adrian shows her peers what it means to rise above obstacles and lead with both strength and compassion.



**-Dr. Lindsay Hale
Nominator**

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**COMMITTED COLLABORATOR
REFLECTIVE INNOVATOR
RESILIENT LEARNER
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**

JAMI JO WARD

I am honored to nominate Ms. Jami Jo Ward for recognition as a professional who exemplifies the qualities of a Resilient Learner, Effective Communicator, Reflective Innovator, and Committed Collaborator. This year, as we learn the Infinite Campus Workflow Suite, Ms. Ward has been instrumental in helping our team navigate the new system; she has managed multiple tickets, daily phone calls, and emails with IC and KDE, always approaching each challenge with patience and persistence. Her ability to communicate clearly and consistently with both IC representatives and school staff has ensured that important information is understood and acted upon quickly. She has helped us problem-solve complex issues such as attendance challenges by researching options, testing solutions, and sharing practical strategies that improve our processes. Through her dedication, problem-solving, and teamwork, Ms. Ward has made an incredible impact during this transition and she is truly deserving of this recognition.




-Dr. Chelsey Highley, Nominator

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**COMMITTED COLLABORATOR
ENGAGED CITIZEN
EMPOWERED LEADER
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**

JAMES BOWMAN

James Bowman exemplifies GREATNESS as a Community Partner by dedicating his time each week to mentor and connect with our students at Phoenix. Every Tuesday, he spends an hour with our boys, building relationships, sharing his experiences as a business owner, and modeling positive leadership. His consistent presence shows students the value of community involvement and provides them with encouragement and guidance that extend beyond the classroom.



**-Dr. Lindsay Hale
Nominator**

