

CCPS School Nickel Tax Facts

- Christian County Public Schools has one “Nickel” (5.5¢) designated for maintenance and construction which is required by law.
- Many districts have two - four Nickels, which are used to maintain, renovate, and/or replace schools.
- HHS is 57 years old and rated a Category 5 on a Scale of 1-5 (5 being the worst.)
- TODAY - CCPS bonding potential (**amount we can borrow**) is \$15,730,000. (NOT enough for 1 school or 1 mega school)
- NICKEL TAX –
 - Will create bonding potential of \$51,785,000
 - Must be allocated for Buildings
 - Ability to be Equalized by state
 - Money from Nickel is Restricted
 - Cannot be used for instruction, salaries or supplies
 - Must be used for construction projects per Facility Plan or Debt payments
- New construction of HHS Academic Building cost - \$41,992,750
- Per Kentucky Department of Education (KDE):
 - New high school would need to be 167,971 square feet for 1,250 students
 - Cost of renovation \$38 million
 - CAN NOT remodel a facility if the costs of remodel would be 80% or more of new construction
- Budget Breakdown:
 - General Fund:
 - Revenues: Property Tax, SEEK State Funds, Utility Tax, Motor Vehicle Tax
 - Expenditures: Instruction, District Support, Admin Support, Transportation, Maintenance
 - Capital Outlay:
 - Revenues: SEEK State Funds
 - Expenditures: Restricted to Debt Payments or Construction
 - FSPK Building Fund:
 - Revenues: SEEK State Funds and Original Nickel Property Tax
 - Expenditures: Restricted to Debt Payments or Construction
 - Grants:
 - Revenues: Federal and State grants (Title I, Preschool, Special Education, etc)
 - Expenditures: Instruction and Supplies in accordance with grant specifications
 - Daycare:
 - Revenues: Parent Payments for Aftercare, State Funding
 - Expenditures: Salary/Benefits for Aftercare Workers, Supplies for Aftercare
 - Food Service:
 - Revenues: Federal Funding, Meal Purchases by Adults, A La Carte Purchases by Students
 - Expenditures: Salary/Benefits for Cafeteria Staff, Food, Supplies for cafeteria
- Breathitt Center was gifted to CCPS;
 - Work Ready Skills Initiative Grant of \$4.3 million was awarded to CCPS and HCC to share. CCPS had to bond \$1 million in order to receive this grant per KY Cabinet of Education and Workforce
 - In addition to the expansion of the Gateway Health Sciences Academy the building will house the special education staff (Psychologists, PT's, OT's, Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired) which are currently housed in the old CCMS as the district prepares to demolish that building.
- NO plan for Mega School

- Where will new academic building be physically located at HHS; what plans are in place for students during construction?
 - CCPS owns 30 acres adjoining the current campus. HHS academic building will be constructed on land currently owned by the Board. An architect and engineer will provide the exact spot on the existing campus.
 - Students would stay in the current building until construction is complete, then the old building will be demolished.

- Beyond the cost of repairs to HHS, the building was not designed to hold the current number of students or accommodate the programs and instruction in the modern classroom. Hallways are too narrow to allow traffic flow during class changes. Currently, HHS has six lunch periods due to lack of capacity in the cafeteria, which interrupts and limits instruction during that time. Classrooms/science labs are too small to accommodate hands on learning. The building cannot sustain any new electrical breakers or outlets for additional computers/labs.