Davie County Schools

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Since March, 2020, Davie County Schools has been faced with challenges unprecedented in its history. The COVID-19 pandemic has made every educational institution re-examine how it delivers instruction and how it cares for its community moving forward. Several important federal programs, including the CARES ACT and ESSER I, II and III, have provided DCS with the funds, coupled with other sources of funds, to take the experiences of our students and community over the last two school years and create a truly integrated response to the impact of COVID on the educational, social, emotional and health experiences of our community. We are excited to house the services needed to accomplish these challenges in a refurbished and repurposed K Building located next to the Davie County Community Park. This expenditure of the federal funds is both reasonable and necessary to meet the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan is ever-evolving, with a focus on people – students, staff and families.

Students experienced remote learning for the first time from the end of 2019-20 through 2020-21. DCS had to quickly begin to deliver services to students who were not sitting in traditional school buildings. Some children clearly faced difficulty accessing remote instruction based on their learning differences. For others, there were obstacles with connectivity, devices and methods of instruction. Our next task is to take what we have learned during the pandemic and increase academic opportunities for every child in every part of our community. The K Building will allow us to provide every student and family with access to technology and the vastness of the resources available through that connectivity to improve academic performance. We will house our Exceptional Children's Services in the facility, allowing for greater collaboration and training with other educators and providing spaces for the important work they do to serve students and families. We will use the K Building to create a Virtual School, allowing those families who are not able to, or choose not to, access in-person education to remain members of the DCS community. In addition to housing the teachers and staff of the Virtual School, the site will provide areas for inperson testing and assessment and socially distanced gatherings. We will be able to provide the community with spaces for secure internet connectivity for use by our families without access at home. We will be able to provide programming and training for our staff, our families and our students throughout the year to increase access to academic resources.

In addition to creating a connected world of academic services, the K Building will house the district staff and services we need to improve the social-emotional welfare of our students and families. The facility will provide spaces for collective training, planning and learning related to special education, counselling, ESL, career counseling and various aspects of student services. We will have spaces for testing and for assessment of students. Our current facility challenges will be rectified by making spaces for collective training and planning, safe and appropriate meeting spaces for service delivery and for family resources.

The K Building is ideally located in the middle of vibrant and exciting Davie County activities, on the same campus as our current Parks and Recreation services, adjacent to Davidson-Davie Community College. The location will facilitate opportunities to work with DDCC to provide enhanced academic and career ready programming for all

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