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Dear Lakewood Parent/Guardian,

Communication is necessary to avoid having miscommunication. I am sending this letter in an effort to keep you informed of discussions that will be taking place over the next month/s that could potentially impact students and families attending Lakewood Elementary. Hardin County Schools has a Local Planning Committee (LPC) that is responsible for developing a District Facilities Plan. This group helps develop a plan for the best use of facilities and how funding should be used to ensure we have quality facilities while being good stewards of our financial resources.

Because Cecilia Valley Elementary is only at half capacity and declining enrollment at Creekside Elementary and Lakewood Elementary, we are needing to rebalance our numbers throughout the district. While many possibilities are being considered, the one that impacts you the most is the potential reutilization of Lakewood Elementary as a newly renovated West Hardin Middle School. Lakewood students would then be enrolled at Cecilia Valley or Creekside Elementary based on your home address. These schools are high quality schools with quality, caring teachers. Lakewood faculty and staff would add to the quality by transferring to one of these locations.

Please understand this is one of the possibilities being considered. I felt it was important to share this information with you prior to the first Local Planning Committee Meeting. In a further attempt to keep you updated, please sign up for Remind 101 by texting @hcsplan to 81010 to receive information and updates as the process is made. You can also find information on our website (www.hardin.kyschools.us) under Quick Links on the right-hand side of our page and then click on "District Facilities Plan".

The first meeting is on January 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the HCS Central Office. This will be an informational meeting only. The LPC has 6 new members so we will be reviewing current facilities and updating them on the process. No future meetings have been scheduled at this time. If you sign up for Remind, you will be notified of future meetings. Also, if you would like to share feedback you may do so by e-mailing hcsipc@hardin.kyschools.us. Suggestions or comments that are respectful and constructive would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Terrie Morgan
Superintendent