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Description of the District

Describe the district's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the district serves?

Located on the Mississippi River, atop of the Mississippi Delta, is Hickman, Kentucky, the county seat of Fulton County, the western most county located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Fulton County is a diverse agrarian society that is listed as a persistent poverty county by the United States Department of Agriculture. Fulton County has one of the highest poverty rates in the state at 25.3%, one of the state's lowest median incomes at \$28,274, and continues to have high unemployment rates. In the 2018-19, school year, Fulton County Schools had a 12% increase in high risk student population and over the last 5 years has seen a 6% increase in overall student population while overall population in Fulton County has declined. In the last 10 years, property values have declined although farm land, when assessed every four years, does bring needed tax revenue for Fulton County Schools. During this time, Fulton County Schools had financial hardships that resulted in a bleak financial situation in 2017 with a carryover funds totaling approximately \$146,000. The schools board acted prudently taking the 4% tax increase the last four years, decreased expenses, and has an increase in enrollment, mainly due to an increase of students transferring from Fulton Independent Schools. The school district redesigned central office administration and Fulton County Elementary and Middle School beginning the 18-19 school year. A new position of Director of Operations position was created as well as redesigning a PK-8 school into Fulton County Elementary School housing grades PK-4 and Fulton County Middle School, house grades 5-8. Fulton County Schools has grades PK-12 with a total enrollment of 644 students. Our school serves a culturally diverse population and recognizes that educational equity is an integral function of the educational process in the community, and it is a primary component of the School and District Improvement Plans. The district currently houses 4 preschool classrooms with 74 students and 2 classes of each grade level kindergarten through 8th grade for a total enrollment of 477 students and the high school serves 167 students. Fulton County Schools is unique in that over 80% percent of students are considered free/reduced lunch and 40% of the student body is African American and/or multiracial. With a family resource center, a UK Dental program, a full-time nurse, and a full-time School Resource Officer, the district supports social emotional learning and is planning for the 20-21 school year to hire another administrator at Fulton County High School and a Guidance Counselor that will support Fulton County Elementary and Fulton County Middle Schools. Fulton County Middle School provides career exploration for grades 7th and 8th while 100% of Fulton County High School students attend the Four Rivers Career Academy. The caring faculty and staff at Fulton County School are committed to providing SEL support and are active in using and practicing 'Leader in Me' and PBIS strategies. Fulton County Schools is committed to providing professional development to teachers including poverty, diversity, and Five Star Classroom training. Fulton County Schools has created intervention programs throughout the district and the high school is a state leader in College and Career Readiness in which the above programs are supported by the Four Rivers Foundation. The district has partnered with Murray Head Start and has four preschool classrooms that is supported by a director and a part-time preschool academic consultant and has seen an increase in Kindergarten Readiness by 25% over the last two years. In summary, Fulton County Schools has seen a 400% increase over the last 7 years in academic proficiency in reading and math and the high school has improved ACT averages within the same time frame from 15.3 to 18.3. The district is the proud home of the Four Rivers Career Academy, The Murray State Thoroughbred Academy, a WKCTC

campus, and The Pilot Academy. The district has assisted and supported the region in securing over \$15 million in grant monies.

District's Purpose

Provide the district's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the district embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

The purpose of the Fulton County School District is to provide all students in the system with a wide variety of learning experiences, both curricular and extra-curricular, that will develop them physically, emotionally, and academically and to offer a relevant and rigorous curriculum aligned to the state's next generation standards and goals in order to allow them to gain the knowledge and life skills needed to succeed as they transition through the district and on to post-secondary college, career, and /or vocational training. Vision: Proficiency, Positive Relationship, and Pilot Pride is the vision of Fulton County School District. From the moment our students enter preschool until they walk out the door as a senior, the decisions, actions, and resources we provide are focused on the mission of their attainment of being college and career ready. The District fully supports the faculty and staff in their efforts to meet the needs of all students by providing leadership, professional learning opportunities, resources, and technology. Board of Education Mission In partnership with and in service to our community, the Fulton County Board of Education provides leadership, acquires and allocates resources that enable all students to achieve a productive life through quality education. Proficiency, Positive Relationships and Pilot Pride in all we do...extracurricular and co-curricular activities to broaden their human abilities.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the district's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the district is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Increased participation in area vocational school, dual credit programming, establishment of Pilot Academy, increase college ready students, advancement in reading, writing, and math skill levels at the high school level. Fulton County High School has been named a School of Distinction. Also, Fulton County's Area Technology Center has been renamed the Four Rivers Career Academy which is also home to the Murray State University Four Rivers-Thoroughbred Academy and West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Additional Information

Districts Supporting CSI/TSI Schools Only: Describe the procedures for monitoring and providing support for (a) CSI/TSI school(s) so as to ensure the successful implementation of the school improvement plan.

District Data Days-This will ensure that principals are studying the data and know what students need intense intervention or acceleration to assist their faculty in school PLCs Academic Consultant Coach- will assist with monitoring the writing plans, researching resources needed and providing coaching as well as content pd as the need arises. Director of Curriculum will also assist the AC and add the following monitoring and support to the CSI schools and H: schedule walkthroughs and each member of the team will give timely feedback to teachers, hold monthly principal's and district admin. meetings to ensure that curriculum maps are being updated as needed, lesson plans up-to-date and that engaging lessons are taking place. Also, this will be time to discuss what additional resources and support is needed in the schools.

Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

Every Student in grades 9-12 job shadow the career of their chose the first day of the second semester called the BEST DAY EVER. It is an awesome day and experience for our students, community and other local stakeholders who are involved in this day.

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