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State to Add 19 Schools to Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers Network

At least 20% of students at schools selected qualify for free or reduced-cost meals

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 16, 2021) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 19 new family resource and youth services centers will be added to the statewide Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) Network that provides administrative support, technical assistance and training to local school-based centers.

The primary goal of these centers is to remove barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic success. Currently, there are 856 centers serving approximately 1,200 schools.

“FRYSC has been a beloved institution in our commonwealth for over 30 years,” said Gov. Beshear. “Many Kentucky schools have had the access to the services provided by the program and have witnessed positive outcomes for students, families and our local communities. It’s gratifying to know that 19 additional schools will be added. This will only strengthen the impact the FRYSC network is already making.”

CHFS Secretary Eric Friedlander said, “The FRYSC program’s impact across the commonwealth is considerable. Their goal of identifying and removing non-

academic barriers to learning is important to serve both students and teachers in promoting academic and personal success. The partnership between FRYSC and state and local education partners impacts many areas, including promoting parent involvement, family literacy, kindergarten readiness, drug risk awareness and improved academic performance.”

Support from the Kentucky General Assembly is adding to the grant that funds these centers. These additional funds, the first to be added to the program since 2018, will allow the 19 new schools to be added to the FRYSC network. At each of the schools, at least 20% of students meet eligibility for free or reduced-cost meals, noted FRYSC Director Melissa Goins.

“These youth services do much more, including referrals to health and social services; career exploration and development; summer and part-time job development for high school students; substance use education and counseling; and family crisis and mental health counseling,” Goins said.

The recommended additional new centers include:

Region	School District	Center Name
2	Warren County	Jody Richards Elementary
3	Jefferson County	Barret Traditional Middle School
3	Jefferson County	duPont Manual - Crimson Center
3	Jefferson County	George Unsel Early Learning Center
3	Jefferson County	Newcomer Academy
3	Jefferson County	The Bridge at McFerran Preparatory Academy
3	Jefferson County	Grace M. James Academy
3	Jefferson County	Schaffner Traditional
4	Boone County	Conner Middle School
4	Boone County	North Pointe Elementary
4	Boone County	Randall K. Cooper High School
4	Boone County	Steeplechase Elementary
4	Boone County	Thornwilde Elementary
5	Oldham County	Centerfield/Crestwood Elementary

5	Scott County	Great Crossing High School
5	Woodford County	Woodford County High School
5	Woodford County	Woodford County Middle/Safe Harbor
10	Fayette County	Veterans Park/Brenda Cowan Elementary
10	Madison County	Daniel Boone Elementary/Boonesboro

FRYSC recommended the 19 new schools be added to its network. Afterwards, applications were reviewed, scored and ranked by a panel of reviewers from CHFS, the Kentucky Department of Education, local school districts and various community agencies and partners, including Save the Children, the Berea Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service, Serve Kentucky, The Prichard Committee and University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension.

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