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FUNDING APPROVED FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN LAKELAND

Community Facilities Loan Application Approved by USDA

Lakeland, TN, September 26, 2019– The City of Lakeland’s application for a \$60 million Community Facilities Loan which will, in part, fund construction of a high school wing on the existing Lakeland Middle Preparatory School campus was formally approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) this week. The funds have been transferred to the Tennessee office of the USDA which clears Lakeland School System (LSS) to begin the process of designing the school and related athletic facilities. The project will expand the footprint of the existing Lakeland Middle Preparatory School to serve students in grades 5-12 rather than building a separate new school.

“Our school board and community members have been pushing to provide a full K-12 education to our residents since the inception of our school system. We are very excited to begin the process of making that dream a reality,” said LSS school board chair Kevin Floyd.

“We are grateful for the historic and current support of our Board of Commissioners in moving this project forward,” said LSS superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell. “We look forward to designing and creating a facility that will make our community proud while providing new academic and extracurricular opportunities for our students.”

The project timeline on the USDA application projects that the high school wing would begin serving students in August of 2022.

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