

Letter from Superintendent Hodges to Green County Board of Education

Dear members of the Green County Board of Education,

I believe all can be true... I love this job. I do not really want to go. It is time to go.

In 2018, upon accepting this position, I noted to everyone that all should buckle up as we were going to push Green County Schools in all areas to be the best, to provide the best for children. I have often noted that I would go as hard as I could for as long as I could for the betterment of our students, staff, and Community. While I could go a little longer, it is time to go to another path. It is hard because I love this place and there are parts of me that would love to stay a little longer. This is not easy, but I have peace.

People have asked me... what is important? My answer has always been that everything is important! If it is important to our students, it is important to me.

If you ask me if teaching and learning are important, I will proclaim most certainly. I hope that our outstanding academic performances across the region and state have shown that commitment from this board and each person within our district. We have continually ranked amongst the best.

I hope that you can look around and see our commitment to facilities. Wow, what a vision by this board and a collaborative effort to achieve our goals.

I hope that staff can say we have made this a better place to work! The magic is always in the people. With your help, we have prioritized our people with a focus on benefits and ensuring the wellbeing of our staff. This place is family.

I hope that our families say that my child goes to a safe and wholesome school, far removed from the craziness of this world. I hope all can see our commitment to student life.

We have accomplished so much together in a responsible approach.

Tough times come. Tough times go. Strong people remain. Covid, legislation, irrational people, weather, beans, balls, and buses. We have been leaders in the good times and tough times. We are still here, stronger.

I appreciate my wife, my kids, and my family's support in this journey. Not all days have been easy, but all have been worthwhile. They have supported me in every step.

I appreciate the ones that have served before me, I was fortunate to work for Buddy Lowe and Jim Frank. I look forward to helping those that follow if needed.

I love each kid in our schools! I love this Community! I love the staff we have in place. I love collaborating with my administrative team. I love having fun. I love facing challenges. I love tough decisions. I enjoy good pranks.

Ms. Marcy, Marshel, Clevis, Mike, and Dan, thank you for giving me this opportunity. Thank you for being right there with me and working to make this the best place possible. I love each of you and will always do whatever possible to help you. You are the best! This is not goodbye, I will be a Dragon forever, my kids will be in the hallways, and I will be cheering on all things Green County.

It is time to go! Just as I felt called to lead, I sense the same call to move on. Goodbyes are hard, I am not exceptionally good at them. I intend to retire from this position effective June 30, 2026, and pursue other opportunities that might come in my direction. I am unsure about my next chapter, but I know it is time to take that next step!

I thank God for this opportunity and give Him thanks for watching over everyone during this journey. I ask for His continued shelter.

I will always be 100% green and gold! Go Dragons!

**Yours truly,
William L. Hodges**

Hodges announces retirement

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Under his leadership, the district made substantial investments in facilities and capital improvements, including the construction of a new high school, major renovations at the Green County Area Technology Center, restoration of the district tennis courts, and installation of turf fields at the baseball field, softball field, and Dragon Stadium amongst other facility improvements. Hodges is also leading efforts in starting the latest facility im-

provement project that would impact multiple locations. The project would include erecting restrooms at the tennis courts, expanded seating, concessions, and restrooms at Dragon Stadium, and potentially the first field house at Dragon Stadium.

The district has also invested in safe transportation of students including fully replacing the district's entire bus fleet so that every daily route is covered by air-conditioned buses.

Superintendent Hodges focused on investing in people and

expanding opportunities for students. This included creating new pathways for students including Education, Engineering, HVAC, and Robotics. New athletic opportunities such as the introduction of archery, bass fishing, drama productions, e-sports, soccer, wrestling, new youth little leagues, and the re-introduction of tennis.

Hodges also guided the district through some of the most challenging moments in recent educational history, including the COVID-19 pandemic,

shifting legislative mandates, and severe weather events. Through it all, the district has maintained stability and forward progress.

As he concluded in his letter, Hodges emphasized that while he may be stepping away from leadership, he will always remain connected to the district.

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The Green County Board of Education will begin the process of planning for a leadership transition in the coming months.

Applications now open for Farm Bureau's post-secondary scholarship program

Deadline is Feb. 28

The Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) post-secondary scholarship program is accepting applications from high school seniors across the commonwealth from now until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Scholarships will be awarded in more than 50 categories, with some scholarships also available to nontraditional students. Funds may be applied to tuition, housing, books or other educational expenses.

To be eligible, an applicant must be the child of a KFB member and complete high school within the year they apply. In 2025, KFB awarded 601 Kentucky students a total of \$810,150 in scholarships at both the state and county level. The

program is made possible through a partnership of the KFB Education Foundation and county Farm Bureaus.

"Kentucky Farm Bureau is proud to continue our long-standing commitment to supporting tomorrow's leaders," said Eddie Melton, KFB President. "These scholarships help remove barriers for students who are working hard to build their future. By investing in their education, we're investing in Kentucky agriculture, our rural Communities and the next generation who will help carry our way of life forward."

For a complete list of available scholarships or to apply, kyfb.com/scholarships.

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