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School of Medicine Partnership

OVERVIEW

Murray State University and the University of Louisville School of Medicine will engage in a historic collaboration to offer medical education in west Kentucky and establish a medical school presence on the Murray State campus. Many meetings and visits have occurred with leaders at both universities as well as with key medical partners in the region. In 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between both institutions to explore this possibility, and subsequent meetings have focused on areas including budgetary needs, feasibility and an economic impact analysis. Particularly, the partnership has enthusiastic support from

nearby Baptist Health Paducah, which is widely regarded as one of the top medical providers in the Commonwealth.

Murray State University is requesting \$60 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for the construction of a new 55,000-60,000 square foot medical school facility and needed medical teaching and laboratory equipment to advance this initiative. **This critical need is steered by the shared goal of addressing the rural healthcare shortage and improving the health and well-being of western Kentucky and the Commonwealth.**

BY THE NUMBERS

- The number of primary care physicians in the state of Kentucky ranks 44th nationally
- 107 of 120 Kentucky counties are designated as health professional shortage areas

(Department of Health and Human Services)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

SHORT-TERM

\$96.2 TOTAL
ECONOMIC
MILLION IMPACT

\$11.2 TOTAL TAX
REVENUE
MILLION INCREASE
(federal, state and county)

611 NEW JOBS
CREATED

LONG-TERM

\$96.8 MILLION physician taxable revenue

192 GRADUATES over 20 years

100 NEW PHYSICIANS creates

1,710 NEW SKILLED JOBS
such as radiologists and ultrasound technicians



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE LEARNING CONTINUUM

As collaborative discussions continue to take place, the potential exists for implementing a program with the following possibilities:

Undergraduate Medical Education

(Four-Year Program)

Twelve students/class, for 48 total students.

Graduate Medical Education:

Internal Medicine Residency *(Three-Year Program)*

Six internal medicine residents/class, for 18 total students.

As noted, this initiative includes a committed clinical partner in Baptist Health Paducah along with the backing of other regional medical providers, a longstanding academic partnership between Murray State University and the University of Louisville, as well as strong support from state and federal government.