**Hancock County Recallable Nickel Process & Highlights**

**A Student Perspective**

February 12, 2020

The Class project:

* Candidates for Superintendent and Principal for a Day selected a Civic Platform.
* Lauren Kellems & Danielle Ford (candidates) selected the platform of the Recallable Nickel to build a New middle school
* The entire student body voted for candidate pairs
* The candidates and platform targeting a New Middle School won in overwhelming fashion among the student body

Extension of Learning:

* The students in Mr. Roberts Civics’ class made the decision to ask the School Board to pass the Recallable Nickel
* Collected Facts to form an argument by (interviewing Superintendent, collecting mold samples, researching KDE and relevant data related to school facilities and impact on student learning
* The entire class presented the facts and argument to the school board at a regular meeting
* The School Board voted unanimously to pass the recallable Nickel
* Selected student presented at the Community Forum and assisted with tours of our current school

Results:

* Our community did not protest the Recallable Nickel by petitioning against it!
* The school system collected the local portion ($468,244) of the Nickel in 2019!
* The estimated cost of a new middle school is $23 million. With collection of the Recallable Nickel, **Hancock County is still 10+ years away from construction of a New Middle School**.
* Today, the board can pay $11 million toward a new school

Hancock County Needs:

* **Hancock County needs a new middle school now!**
* **We will never be students in this school, but we want future students to have the best possible educational environment**
* **We ask for Equalization ($142, 670 per year) of the Nickel for Hancock County**
* **Any additional financial assistance to reduce the $10-$13million dollar gap to begin construction earlier would be appreciated**.

**Thank you for your time and your commitment for the betterment of the Commonwealth of Kentucky!**