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Executive Summary

Description of the District

Describe the district size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the district serves?

Where "Every Student Matters and Every Moment Counts" the Calloway County School District is a public school system consisting of one preschool, three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one alternative facility, and one shared area technology center located in extreme western Kentucky in the city of Murray. The school system has approximately 2,900 students starting at age three through grade fourteen and offers a wide range of programs and activities to meet the needs of all students academically, socially and personally. The district has almost 500 certified and classified employees. Approximately 58% of our students are on free or reduced lunch. Our goal is reiterated in our mission and vision statements, placing a high value on being "Learners for Life" and visualizing students that are "Successful-Now and Beyond." A list of major needs and/or challenges includes the following: sustaining student performance longitudinally through high school; meeting and exceeding the KDE goals with less monetary support; accurately planning and maintaining stability during an unpredictable state of revenue shortfall; continual need for facility and technology updates/improvements; increased free and reduced lunch count; support for students and families undergoing socio-economic deficits; and replacing lost programmatic dollars long term. The Calloway County School District leadership, therefore, is committed to organizational and financial planning that will assist in meeting these challenges.

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District's Purpose

Provide the district's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs.

Describe how the district embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

The Calloway County School District mission is to empower all students academically, socially, and personally to be lifelong learners capable of thinking, solving problems, and serving as responsible citizens ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Additionally, our district strives for all students to attain skills and attributes useful for the future while exhibiting an attitude going forward of continuous learning. The district beliefs include providing challenging educational opportunities in a safe environment. Because school success results in future success, schools are responsible for creating an environment in which learners can and do succeed. Students, families, educators, and the community share the responsibility for student success and for providing safe schools to facilitate academic achievement. All schools provide instruction in Kentucky Academic Standards and high quality teaching practices, and a curriculum designed to challenge all students. The district and our schools have clearly defined expectations for student learning aligned with the district's vision that is supported by the Calloway County School District personnel and external stakeholders. These high expectations serve as the focus for assessing student performance, system and school effectiveness. The multi-faceted and diverse educational programs offered by the district results in high school graduation and a proficient, college and career ready graduate.

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Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the district's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the district is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Under the former Unbridled Learning accountability system; Calloway County School District was recognized every year as a Distinguished District and named a District of Distinction four times. Every school in our district was recognized as Distinguished. Southwest Calloway Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon school for its work in closing the achievement gap. The Calloway County School District is composed of an eclectic spectrum of students who come from varied socio-economic, educational and ethnic backgrounds. This diversity in student populations and background continues to challenge us as a district to meet the needs of all students and to prepare them for a variety of opportunities in their post-secondary lives as the district strives to meet the delivery targets for reaching proficiency in math and reading and continues to work hard to close the achievement gap.

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Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

Our district focus is to prepare students to be proficient, college and career ready and prepared for success when they leave Calloway County Schools. The success of Calloway County School District involves a cross-section of district and community stakeholders working collaboratively to provide the highest quality education to our students. The Calloway County Board of Education philosophy states: "Believing that education is both a right and a privilege for the youth of our community, the Board further believes that the educational program of our schools should be designed to help each student."

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