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came up today we hadn't even thought about that weren't on the radar. At the end of the day what we believe will happen is that we will address some pretty big things like upgrading our fields...all of those things, we believe, will be touched through the scope of this project."

In terms of the fields, one of the issues that both Hamby and McElfresh mentioned was the debate that is taking place at several levels of organized athletics – that is to go with natural turf or artificial.

Throughout the meeting, it was mentioned that the student athletes who play sports such as football and soccer would prefer to play on a natural grass field as there is a belief that it is easier and safer to play on.

A counter argument was made though that with an artificial turf, it is easier to modify the playing surface depending on the sport and level of competition and that some maintenance issues that come with weather might be diminished.

This is just one of the many issues that will continue to be worked out through subsequent meetings. "I'm really excited to work with school districts that can all get behind one high school. You can feel the passion in the room and I love working with clients that can all get behind a singular focus, a singular passion and really embrace that. I think that's what we're working with here with Allen County-Scottsville High School," said

McElfresh. "It has a long-standing tradition in athletics and a lot of pride. I loved the idea that someone had here about continuing to build on that heritage and history and incorporating that into the design."

As of right now Hamby stated, "There's not a date set yet (for the next meeting). The architects and engineers will have to go back to the drawing board at this point and begin to analyze and process this information."

The AC-S Board of Education is hoping to begin work on the project by the end of 2025 or very early 2026.

From there they'll be looking at, hopefully, 18 months of work to bring the project to completion.

SKYCTC Students Excel in Microsoft Office Specialist Certification

Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC) proudly announces the outstanding achievements of its students and educators in the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification program.

During the Fall Qualifier of the 2024 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship <<https://moschampionship.certipoint.com/us/>>, SKYCTC students demonstrated their exceptional proficiency, securing top placements in Kentucky. Notably, Paris Carlson and Brooke Stinson earned first place in their respective competition events.

Paris Carlson of Bowling Green, Ky., secured first place in Kentucky for PowerPoint 365. Paris is currently pursuing a Computer & Information Technologies degree with a focus on security. Reflecting on her academic journey, Paris shared, "High school was a challenging and stressful time for me, and I never felt recognized for any achievements. However, my experience at SKYCTC has completely transformed my perspective. The supportive professors and engaging courses have helped me build confidence and achieve success."

Paris also highlighted the value of her coursework, particularly Computer Information Technology 130. "This class is beneficial for students in any degree program or career path. The skills learned provide valuable preparation for professional and personal tasks. The in-depth exploration of Microsoft applications equips students with essential tools for business, technology, and everyday life."

Brooke Stinson of Scottsville, Ky., secured first place in Kentucky for Word 365. She is currently

pursuing a degree in Medical Information Technology.

SKYCTC students placing in the top 10 in Kentucky during the Fall Qualifier of the 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship:

•Abigail Nuetzman - Eighth Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)

•Ashton Slaughter - Eighth Place, Microsoft PowerPoint (Office 2019)*

•Derek Fortune - Third Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)

•Karlee Harper - Sixth Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)

•Brooke Stinson - First Place, Microsoft Word (Microsoft 365 Apps), Eighth Place, Microsoft PowerPoint (Microsoft 365 Apps), 9th Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)

•Nolan Hughson - Third Place, Microsoft Excel (Office 2019)*, Seventh Place, Microsoft Word (Office 2019)*

•Paris Carlson - First Place, Microsoft PowerPoint (Microsoft 365 Apps), Third Place, Microsoft Word (Microsoft 365 Apps), Fifth Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)

•Santiago Villarreal Olmos - Sixth Place, Microsoft Word (Office 2019)*

•Kristopher Evanoff, Fourth Place, Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps)**

•Brieki Blankenship, Fifth Place, Microsoft PowerPoint (Microsoft 365 Apps)**

(*CIT 105 dual credit student at Greenwood High School)

(**CIT 105 dual credit student at Franklin-Simpson High School)

Business and Technology Professor Carmen Gaskins commented on the students' success: "We have seen amazing results from the Microsoft Office Specialist program at SKYCTC. The Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship encourages students to achieve certification,

and we are proud of those who have proven to be the best in the state. We know they will represent us well at the U.S. National Championship in June."

First-place winners will represent Kentucky at the 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Dallas, Texas, where they will compete in their respective exam tracks and network with other top students nationwide. Champions in each track will then advance to the 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship in Orlando, Fla. Dr. Gary Gates, Managing Director at Pearson VUE, emphasized the significance of this accomplishment: "The title of 'Microsoft Office Specialist Champion' provides students with a valuable distinction for both academic and career pursuits. It demonstrates their proficiency in Microsoft Office applications and showcases their commitment to learning and mastering essential digital skills."

Studies indicate that MOS certification correlates with improved academic performance, higher graduation rates, and increased post-secondary enrollment. Industry research also suggests that digital media certifications like MOS are highly regarded by employers, giving candidates a competitive edge in their careers.

SKYCTC remains dedicated to equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for success in today's digital world. The achievements of our students and educators in the MOS certification program exemplify our commitment to fostering excellence and preparing individuals for professional growth. For more information about SKYCTC's computer courses or programs, contact sky-cit@kctcs.edu<<mailto:sky-cit@kctcs.edu>>.

District 3 Crews Deployed for Anti-icing Operations in Preparation of Possible Incoming Winter Storm



The District 3 area serves Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, Todd, and Warren Counties

Motorists are urged to use caution and lookout for District 3 snow and ice response vehicles on the road today performing anti-icing operations. A possible winter weather system is expected to move into the District 3 area Tuesday night through Thursday. Please give snow and ice response vehicles plenty of space.

The U.S. National Weather Service Louisville has placed all District

3 counties under a Winter Storm Watch through Wednesday night. As of Monday morning, the forecast is predicting three to five inches of snow to hit the area. The snow is expected to create hazardous driving conditions Tuesday evening with the heavier snow coming in early Wednesday morning.

The District 3 snow and ice team is monitoring the forecast and will determine a response strategy as the winter weather system draws closer. Crews are still dealing with flooded roads following a heavy rain weather system that dumped

five to six inches of rain in some areas. The current road closure list may be found here.

Please do not call 911 or law enforcement offices to find out information about road conditions. For road conditions please visit GoKY.ky.gov. Snow and ice information such as priority routes can be found at snowky.ky.gov. Weather forecast updates are available on the NWS Louisville's Twitter account here, and Facebook account here. The District 3 Twitter account can be found here and the District 3 Facebook account here.

SKYCTC is Seeking Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC) is currently accepting nominations for the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award for 2025. Each year, SKYCTC selects a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient to recognize graduates and former students who have demonstrated exceptional success in their professions and made significant contributions to their communities.

With thousands of alumni making notable impacts across various industries in South

Central Kentucky and beyond, SKYCTC invites business and industry leaders, as well as the public, to nominate alumni whose achievements exemplify the transformative power of a community college education.

The deadline for nominations for the 2025 SKYCTC Distinguished Alumni Award is February 27, 2025.

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors individuals who have completed a credential (degree, diploma, and/or certificate) from SKYCTC (or its

predecessor, Bowling Green Technical College – BGTC) and who have been enrolled as a student at SKYCTC/BGTC at least five (5) years ago. Active members of the SKYCTC faculty and staff are not eligible for consideration.

How to Submit a Nomination: Nominations can be submitted online by going to the college website at <https://southcentral.kctcs.edu/> and selecting the Distinguished Alumni Nomination image.

For more information, please contact Millie Wells at SKYCTC-Alumni@kctcs.edu or call (270) 901-1153.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE – SEEKS JANITORIAL SERVICES

The local Commonwealth's Attorneys' Office is seeking bids for janitorial services to begin by March 1, 2025, as follows:

1.00 Purpose and Background

Offeror will provide janitorial services to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, 49th Judicial Circuit located at 107 Robey St. Franklin, KY 42135.

2.00 Scope of Work

Weekly: Offeror shall dust furniture, desks, chairs, credenzas, and cabinets. Empty waste containers and remove trash to the designated area and replace trash liners. Clean entrance and interior glass doors. Vacuum any carpeted areas. Sweep and mop ceramic and resilient floors. Disinfect tabletops, counters, and break room. Damp wipe exterior and interior of microwave ovens. Wipe the exterior of the refrigerator. Clean and sanitize bathroom sinks, toilets, and bathroom floors. Restock toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap.

Monthly: Offeror will dust high reach areas including shelves, ledging, vents and grill covers. Dust venetian blinds, remove cobwebs, clean baseboards, and corners.

Site Evaluation: Offeror may schedule a walk-through of the approximate 3,186 sq ft space by calling (270) 586-5326 during normal business hours prior to the deadline of February 25, 2025.

3.00 Evaluation Criteria

The Prosecutors Advisory Council will evaluate the proposals based on the following evaluation factors:

Cost: Bidder with lowest price receives highest score – maximum 50 points. Vendor shall provide the weekly rate for which they shall provide the aforementioned services. Bidder with most years of cleaning experience shall receive maximum 25 points. Bidders shall submit 2 references for a maximum 25 points.

4.00 Bid Sheet

Offerors shall submit the following to the Prosecutors Advisory Council before the due date, via email to - mwise@prosecutors.ky.gov. Questions for clarification can be sent to the same email address. **Only bids submitted to mwise@prosecutors.ky.gov by the due date will be considered. Bids submitted directly to the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Office will be disqualified.**

- **Business Name:** _____
- **Remit to address:** _____
- **Tax ID or Social Security #:** _____
- **Weekly cost (cleaning will be done 1 time per week):** \$ _____
- **Does your bid include cleaning supplies? Circle One: Yes or No**
- **Do you agree to a background check? Circle One: Yes or No**

Bidder Signature: _____ Date: _____