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SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Federal funds for schools frozen

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Scott County Schools (SCS) are awaiting the fate of an estimated \$602,775 in federal funds frozen by the U.S. Department of Education. Earlier this month the Kentucky Department of Education notified all school districts of an \$87 million shortfall in federal funding pending

a nationwide programmatic review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Since then, the Trump administration has released some funds in various states but is continuing to evaluate how the money is being used and presenting “guardrails” to prevent “bias” to most school districts nationally. A letter was presented to President Trump by some Repub-

lican legislators asking for the funds release, and there has been some indication most of the monies will be released next week. The funds were approved and allocated by Congress and most school districts developed their budgets based upon the funding’s approval. With most schools planning to open in August, the question about fund-

Federal funds for SCS breakdown	
Title One, Part C – Migrant Education	\$166,793
Title Two, Part A – Teacher Quality	\$270,104
Title Three, Part A – English Language Acquisition	\$60,026
Title Four, Part A – Student Support and Acquisition	\$105,852
Title Four, Part B – 21st Century	\$105,852
Total:	\$602,775

ing has raised concerns. “The abrupt freeze to already-approved funds severely disrupt our abil-

ity to plan for the upcoming year,” states Renee Holmes. SCS Director of Community Education in

an email. “The deadline for notifying staff about contract renewals has already passed, making it impossible to adjust staffing appropriately without causing hardship for employees and students alike.” The U.S. Department of Education has not shared the exact amount of funding SCS will receive this year but based

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Dr. Hambrick retires following cancer diagnosis

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Dr. Horace Hambrick, a well-known and respected pediatrician, announced his retirement on social media following a cancer diagnosis.

Dear current and former Parents and Caregivers of Children of Georgetown Pediatrics,

It has been one of the great joys of my life to have started Georgetown Pediatrics in 1986 and to have had the opportunity to care for children and families in this community, with in many cases, me having been the doctor for three different generations in the same family. I cannot explain to you how unique a blessing this has been to me. This opportunity has fulfilled a dream to bring great pediatric care to our community and to our part of central Kentucky and the success of the practice has always astonished me.

By now, many of you have heard that I have a synovial sarcoma that originated from my right kidney. It is not curable. I have been undergoing radiation treatment and other various evaluations and at this point it is obvious that I will not ever be able to return to the practice of full-time medicine. This is actually a heart-breaking decision for me, as I never intended to retire, and I have enjoyed the many wonderful relationships that I have had with you these last 39 years.

I leave your medical, behavioral, and mental health care in excellent hands as the nine other providers of Georgetown Pediatrics are fully capable of taking over from me. In many cases this may be a transition that is not as smooth as you like and if for some reason you feel like you have ended up with a provider that is not your choice, or you think the best choice for your child, please feel free to let our office know. We will make every attempt to line you up correctly, with a physician of your choice. It is my fervent hope that all of your children will continue to thrive, that they will grow up to be the best versions of themselves possible and that our practice will continue to earn and deserve the high trust that you have already given us by allowing us to take care of your precious children.

With deep thanks,
Dr Horace P Hambrick, MD

Hambrick started a pediatric practice in Georgetown in 1986. Before coming to Georgetown, Hambrick operated a similar practice in Shelbyville, his wife Wil- low said. “He has practiced in Georgetown for 39 years,” she said. “He began his practice from scratch. His first ‘Pediatric Office’ was in the hospital — and the first week he saw only 10 patients.

“As his practice grew,

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Dr. Horace Hambrick with Gunner Hicks. Gunner’s mother, Kelsie sent the following note to Dr. Hambrick, “I just want you to know that I am so thankful for everything you have done for him. Thank you for saving my baby and staying by our side through his entire life.”

Baptist Health breaks ground

By **Jack Thomas**
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Baptist Health and Dallas-based Intuitive Health broke ground Monday on a \$10-to-\$15 million emergency room/urgent care hybrid facility.

Groundbreaking was in the Town Center at Amer-

son Orchard. Set to open late next year, the building will combine the services of both urgent care centers and emer-

gency rooms into one facility, Intuitive Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jay Woody said.

“(I’m) super excited about bringing this model to Georgetown and offering the people of Georgetown the ability to choose where to go when they have a moment of ouch, not knowing whether to go to the ER or urgent care,” Dr. Woody said. “They just come to this facility and we’re ready to go.”

Such decision making will be removed with this flexible service model, Intuitive Health East Division Market President Jared Stark said, who

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Coming up:
Bookmobile @ The Pavilion
Today @ 10:30 a.m.



Area deaths

William Lee Lay, 91

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