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County School Board talks algebra

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The Harlan County Board of Education discussed topics during a recent meeting including an algebra program for 8th graders and the status of the district's Child Development Center.

Board Chairman Gary Farmer called the meeting to order, then

called on Superintendent Brent Roark to bring the board up to speed on multiple matters.

Roark first provided a current employment report.

"We have six employments, seven resignations, one suspension without pay and one returned to work," Roark said.

Roark talked about an Algebra program for 8th graders designed to give students who

satisfactorily complete the program high school credit for Algebra 1.

"The first thing is an Algebra 1 program we're doing for 8th graders," Roark said. "I just wanted the board members to be informed of this."

According to Roark, Greg Longworth agreed to assist with implementation of the program. "We had him working in a

Gear Up position," Roark said. "I desperately needed him to step back in and fill some roles for us on higher level math at the high school and to help our elementary out with some things that were going on too."

Roark expressed his appreciation for Longworth taking on the job.

"I would like for him tonight to tell us about this algebra pro-

gram he's started," Roark said.

Longworth advised the board the algebra program allows 8th graders to supplement their existing algebra class and receive high school credit.

"To get the algebra 1 credit, they'll have an exam they have to take to show they have learned the material," Longworth said.

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Harlan County Emergency Management Director Stephen Lewis provides information on FEMA assistance related to recent flooding during a Harlan County Fiscal Court meeting. (Photo by Joe Asher)

Fiscal Court hears flood update

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The Harlan County Fiscal Court heard an update on the Presidential Disaster Declaration regarding a recent flood event which struck Harlan County along with many other Kentucky counties in February.

Harlan County Judge-Executive Dan Mosley addressed the issue early in a recent meeting of the Harlan County Fiscal Court.

"I just want to talk a little bit about what's gone on since we met at the last Fiscal Court meeting," Mosley said. "We had a lot of flood damage throughout the county. As bad as it was, it still wasn't as bad as it was in other counties."

According to Mosley, many Harlan County residents experienced damage from the flooding.

"We've also had a lot of damage to county roads," Mosley said. "There are a couple of slides that have occurred, some damage to parks, there has been damage

that has been documented and assessed in each district."

FEMA has set up a disaster recovery center in the Harlan County Courthouse that has been in operation for several weeks.

"As of yesterday, they had already engaged with 189 citizens who had registered with them for assistance," Mosley said. "Of the 189 registrations, more than half of those have been eligible for some form of assistance."

Mosley emphasized any resident who applied for assistance and had received a letter denying assistance, there is an appeal process available.

"I would encourage you to come to the courthouse and talk with them," Mosley said. "It may be something as simple as some type of typographical error, so if you received a decision and you've been denied for assistance, I would encourage you to come by and speak with them about the appeal process."

Mosley explained residents can apply for assistance online or in person at the courthouse. There

is assistance available for personal property losses including appliances, clothing, home furnishings, tools required for work or school, and computing devices.

"If you are a renter and you rent property that had damage, renters can apply for assistance for temporary housing," Mosley said. "This initial renter grant is for one-to-two-month periods and can be reviewed for further assistance."

Mosley noted furniture and appliances provided by the landlord will not be covered under renter's assistance.

"They also will help with disaster related uninsured or out of pocket medical, dental, childcare, moving and storage expenses," Mosley said. "We certainly appreciate the state and federal agencies that have been here helping our people. If you were impacted by this disaster, we want you to know there is help available for you."

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Kentucky February flooding recovery update

SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

As of March 28, FEMA has approved more than \$26 million in housing and other types of assistance to more than 4,700 Kentucky households. More applications are being processed daily.

FEMA MAY CONTACT YOU BY PHONE

After you apply for disaster assistance, FEMA may call you to obtain, verify or share information. These calls may come from unfamiliar area codes or unknown phone numbers.

FEMA representatives are reaching out to survivors of the February severe storms that have applied for disaster assistance. Representatives may call for a variety of reasons such as issues with applications (missing documents, insurance settlement paperwork, etc.), follow-up on access and functional needs and/or to schedule inspections at the address where the damage was reported. Representatives may also be calling eligible survivors for the Direct Temporary Housing Program.

DAMAGED VEHICLE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR KENTUCKIANS IMPACTED BY FEBRUARY STORMS AND FLOODING

FEMA may be able to provide financial assistance to help those whose vehicles were damaged due to the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred Feb. 14 - March 7.

The first step is for survivors to file a claim with their insurance company if they have a comprehensive policy. This type of policy usually covers storm-related damage to a vehicle. Federal disaster assistance may help fill the gaps for those whose coverage does not pay for any or all storm-related damage costs. Apply with FEMA even if you have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled. Read more here

HOW TO APPEAL FEMA'S DECISION

If you receive a letter from FEMA saying you are not approved for assistance, it may just be that we need more information. It's possible that it could be something as simple as a missing document.

Please read the FEMA letter carefully and entirely. If you are found ineligible, the letter will explain the reasons. If you are found eligible for assistance, the letter will explain the amount of assistance FEMA approved and information on the appropriate use of disaster assistance funds.

If you disagree with any decisions from FEMA, you may appeal. Read more here

STAY IN TOUCH WITH FEMA

If your address or phone number changes at any time since you applied for assistance, let FEMA know immediately by logging into your account at DisasterAssistance.gov or calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service so they can contact you. Helpline operators speak many languages and lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Read more here

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SKCTC commencement set for May 8

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The spring commencement ceremony for Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College will take place at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, at

Harlan County High School.

Graduates from all SKCTC campuses will be recognized for earning degrees and diplomas in a variety of programs.

The public is invited to attend and celebrate the

Class of 2025.

Students who are preparing to graduate and have questions about commencement are encouraged to contact Katina Fields, registrar, at kfields0002@kctcs.edu or 606.589.3002.

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— Maxine Cheshire

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