

ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Bibb County Board of Education

FROM: Sam Kitchens, Executive Director of Capital Programs

SUBJECT: Economic Opportunity Council Request for Facilities

Summary:

This memorandum is presenting a request to transfer the former Ellsworth Hall property located at 2312 Shurling Drive, to the Macon Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council to utilize for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

Background:

The Bibb School District has been a vital partner with MBCEOCI for more than 45 years. The coordinated efforts of providing educational and childcare services to children and their families through our Head Start/Early Head Start Program, has had a positive impact on our community.

The Head Start/Early Head Start Program currently utilizes the Jones Elementary and Agnes Barden Elementary locations to provide these services to our community and children in need. The program now serves 783 children, and during the 2020-2021 year, maintained a waiting list of approximately 300 children. New funding from the Office of Head Start is in process, to construct a new Head Start/Early Head Start facility and the former Hall site would be the ideal location for this project. The proposed plan includes the existing facility being razed, and a new 34000 sf facility constructed on the site. The new facility would provide the ability to serve up to 400 children at this location, help transform the area and ultimately have the greatest impact in our community.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorize the transfer of the former Ellsworth Hall property located at 2312 Shurling Drive, to the Macon Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council to utilize for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

<u>Superintendent's Comments</u>	
Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr.	Approved



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- Monroe County- 994-5174
- Childcare Network- 314-2678



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July 15, 2021

Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Superintendent
Bibb School District
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Reference: Macon Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. Request for Facilities

Dear Dr. Jones:

Please accept this letter as an official request that the Bibb School District donate **J. Ellsworth Hall Elementary School located at 2312 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA. 31201** to the Macon Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (MBCEOCI) to utilize for our Head Start/Early Head Start Program:

Bibb School District has been a vital partner with MBCEOCI for more than 45 years. The coordinated efforts of providing educational and childcare services to children, ages birth to five, and their families through our Head Start/Early Head Start Program has had a positive impact on our community.

Currently, MBCEOCI utilizes the Jones Elementary and Agnes Barden Elementary locations to provide services to our community and children in need. We currently serve 783 children. During the program year 2020-2021, the Head Start/Early Head Start Program maintained a waiting list of approximately 300 children. We are in the process of receiving funding from the Office of Head Start to build a new Head Start/Early Head Start facility and Hall would be the ideal location for this project. The current facility would be razed, and a new 34000 sf facility would be constructed. We would be able to serve up to 400 children at this location and the new facility would help transform the area and ultimately have a great impact in our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 478-738-3240.

Sincerely,

Sarita R. Hill
Chief Executive Officer

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