The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the Perry County Board of Education. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA’s intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster‐wide Public Notice was published Friday, September 9, 2022 for DR-4663-KY Severe Storms, Heavy Rains, Flash Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides, Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project‐ specific final notice for FEMA’s funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs of the school, already located within the Special Flood Hazard Area prior to the event.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

**Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance Program

**Applicant:** Perry County Board of Education

**Project Title(s):** PW02237 (PN706242): Buckhorn Building Permanent Repairs

**Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:**

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| **Road Name (Address)** | **GPS Coordinates** | **FIRM Panel** |
| 18392 KY HWY 28 Buckhorn, KY 41721-8967 | 37.34719, -83.47284 | 21193C0150E |

*All Panels effective 08/14/2024. Sites are located within regulatory floodplain. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The proposed mitigation portion to Buckhorn School is to floodproof the school, limiting the risk of water inundation from high water levels. These measures include the replacement of windows and metal doors with watertight and impact resistant systems. The windows that are being considered are watertight and have an impact rating of 1000 pounds. The doors are watertight after activation of manually operated locks at the top and bottom of doors. Flood logs (removable aluminum flood barriers) will be installed to eliminate risk from flood water intrusion and damage from flood generated debris. These mitigation measures will reduce the risk of impact from historic level flooding and re-establish human health and safety.

**Project Alternatives:**

1. *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Relocating the facilities. The damages to the facilities are limited in scope and the cost of relocation would likely outweigh the cost to repair the damages at current locations. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the school is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact citizens residing near the school in the community.
2. *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the school remains operational in its current location. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced onto the citizens of the community that utilize the school*.*

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above‐described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee‐Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA‐R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line “Buckhorn Building Permanent Repairs – KY 4663 PW02237” at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 22 DAY OF MAY 2025**