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**KY Governor Beshear Presents \$10 Million Check to CCPS
for the District to Advance Academic Offerings**

HOPKINSVILLE, KY (October 27, 2021). Today, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear presented the Christian County Public Schools District a \$10 million Kentucky vocational program grant funding to CCPS Superintendent Christopher Bentzel. Last month, Christian County Public Schools was chosen by Kentucky's School Facilities Construction Commission to receive a \$10 million grant as part of a state-wide initiative to help support vocational initiatives and education centers.

"The Christian County Public School system is on an exciting path forward to give students new academic and career opportunities," said CCPS Superintendent Christopher Bentzel. "We are grateful that Governor Beshear and the Kentucky General Assembly recognize the important work we are doing here and have chosen Christian County for this grant. These funds will be used to build a vocational education center that will be housed at our new state of the art academy-style high school. The future is bright as we offer students an education that goes above and beyond anything currently offered in the state of Kentucky!"

Under the authority of Kentucky House Bill 556 Section 18, the Kentucky General Assembly appropriated \$75 million for fiscal year 2021-22 to the School Facilities Construction Commission to enhance Kentucky's vocational programs. This money will be used to expand the district's offerings as part of the *Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology* programs in Western Kentucky.

"We would also like to thank Kentucky State Senator Whitney Westerfield and Kentucky Representatives Walker Thomas and Myron Dossett for their unwavering support in the advancement of our students of Christian County," said Bentzel. "This is truly an all-Kentucky team effort."

The mission of Christian County Public Schools is to ensure meaningful learning experiences that empower all students in reaching their fullest potential in a changing world. CCPS provides the tools for preschool to post-graduation success by uniting all shareholders to support diverse academic and social-emotional needs. For more information, go to: <https://www.christian.kyschools.us>

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