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. Describe the district's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the district serves?

Boone County Schools is the 3rd largest district in KY with just under 21,000 PreK-12th grade students. We are an urban, rural, but mainly suburban district comprised of 14 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 4 high schools, 1 alternative school, and 1 regional high school. We are a growing district who is seeing an influx of English language learner students specifically within our more urban schools. We have enrolled 100 new English speaking students thus far this school year whose parents are here to work at Amazon which is now being built in our community. The district is experiencing steady, sustained growth but is also facing the challenge of a teacher shortage as we have more open positions than we have had unfilled in the past. We are focused on the mindset of continuous improvement, trying to develop and improve systems and focusing on establishing a highly aligned instructional system to support all our learners.

. Provide the district's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the district embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Boone County Schools believes all students can learn. Schools are focused on academic rigor, real world relevance, and focused on building relationships with our parents, students, and community. The district takes great pride in their mission of Achieving Excellence Together with a rich history of high achievements, quality teaching and efficient operations, Boone County Schools are helping to prepare today's student for tomorrow's world as they ensure their students are college, career, and life ready upon graduation.

. Describe the district's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the district is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Boone County Schools just launched our regional high school known as the Ignite Institute. This has been a 5+ year journey and serves as a pinnacle of the future of education. Boone County Schools strives to be on the cutting edge of innovative practices and a place to create pipelines of highly productive and prepared next generation leaders. In partnership with KDE, Workforce Development, the Chamber

of Commerce, NKCES, Grow NKY, NKY Cooperative, Toyota, St. Elizabeth, and nameless other community and business partnerships, Ignite has been launched as a regional 9-12 grade high school with pathway opportunities in Art and Graphic Design, Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Early Educator, Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, and Health Services.

. **Districts Supporting CSI/TSI (including ATSI) Schools Only:** Describe the procedures for monitoring and providing support for (a) CSI/TSI school(s) so as to ensure the successful implementation of the school improvement plan.

Our CSI school, RA Jones Middle School has been circled with support and resources with oversight by a newly added district department known as the Office of School and Systems Improvement led by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jason Radford. Dr. Radford and his team are working closely with this school, the new principal, and KDE to drive achievable and sustainable improvements.

. Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

In July 2020, our district named a new Superintendent, Matt Turner. Matt has begun his tenure as a Superintendent in the midst of the Covid-19 global pandemic. Matt and his team are working tirelessly to lead Boone County well during this extremely complex and challenging time and to make the right decisions for the Boone County Schools community. However, this has dominated Matt's time thus far in his Superintendency and the district has needed to hit the pause button on other work simply to focus on the great needs caused by the pandemic.

Attachment Summary

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