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RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES

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The Transylvania County Board of Education will give consideration to closing schools when a decline in student membership reaches a point when the continued operation of all buildings will have a detrimental effect on the county's educational program and business support services.

Factors to be considered when determining which school or schools will be closed include the following:

STUDENT, STAFF, PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY:

1. Student Membership Capacity - The School Board will have reason for serious concern when student membership for a group of schools in a geographic area has been substantially under capacity for a two-year period and is projected to remain so. ("Substantially under capacity" is the difference between program capacity and student membership to the extent that students in that grouping could be housed in one school less.)
2. Student Displacement - Consideration will be given to the severity of both positive and negative effects and to the number of students involved.
3. Staff Displacement - This will include consideration of unique programs and special skills and relocation opportunities for the staff members of any affected school.
4. Educational Program - Every effort will be made to insure that the closing of a school will not adversely effect the educational program on any level in the Transylvania County Schools.
5. Community Use of Schools - Consideration will be given to the accessibility and degree of use by the community.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

1. Energy - The availability of practical energy sources and the need for conservation will be considered.
2. Safety - Compliance with building codes, OSHA and handicapped requirements are to be considered. Age and characteristics of building material and equipment, condition of electrical wiring, and fire safety, are important features.

3. Physical Condition of Building - Age, future usefulness, needed improvements, and maintenance requirements are factors to be reviewed.

FINANCIAL FACTORS:

1. Maintenance and Plant Operation - Expenditures will be determined as they relate to utilities, building repairs, food services, and custodial/maintenance services.
2. Transportation - Cost, safety and time factors will be reviewed as they relate to pupil reassignment.
3. Personnel - Cost factors relating to administrative and instructional staff will be determined.

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