

**Fayette County Public Schools, Lexington, Kentucky (Planning)  
FCPS Fostering Diversity in Schools Grant**

Our aim is to reconnect our *East End* students with the cultural identity and heritage of their historical neighborhood. All the while, changing the reputation and perception of East End schools so that they are a source of pride for residents as well as an attractive school choice for more diverse, affluent parents. Our project objectives are to:

- Diversify the *East End* schools' populations, (beginning with Lexington Transitional Middle School (LTMS)) and reduce socioeconomic isolation by changing enrollment trends.
- Increase academic achievement among all students by developing and implementing high-quality, standards-aligned thematic programs;
- Improve the school culture and climate so that they are conducive to student well-being, and a sense of belonging, and foster productive school participation.
- Diversify the teaching staff at *East End* schools; and
- Increase family and community engagement in—and satisfaction with—the revised schools.

To accomplish these objectives, we will: *Redesign* the curriculum and instruction they reflect evidenced-based practices; *Identify* opportunities to give our school an aesthetic identity that prominently reflects the history and culture of the *East End*; *Develop* a system for internal and external coordination of all stakeholders, including partner agencies; and *Create* a marketing/branding strategy that reflects modern industry standards. The school populations represent the most demographically isolated students in Fayette County. The vast majority of these students are socioeconomically disadvantaged and minority. The *East End* community has been historically disenfranchised; thus, the students and their families are among the most vulnerable within our LEA. This grant will include four schools located within one feeder pattern with the LEA. The school populations represent the most demographically isolated students in Fayette County. The specific *East End* schools are *Harrison Elementary* (serving 180 students); *William Wells Brown Elementary School* (serving 320 students in grades K-5); *Ashland Elementary* (serving 259 students in grades K-5); and *Lexington Traditional Magnet School* (Serving 286 students in grades 6-8).