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## Trigg School Board pushes bid opening

**Bids for school renovation project extended by a week**

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The Trigg County School Board voted Thursday to extend the bid opening for the elementary school renovation project by a week, allowing

potential bidders more time to submit bids for the project.

The decision comes after a discussion between Interim Superintendent Tim McGinnis and project architect Andrew Owens, who advised that several companies were preparing bids but needed more time to submit properly.

Bids will be opened Aug. 27 and the board will make a decision on whether to accept one

of the bids or not that week.

Director of Student Services James Mangles reported that enrollment is down from last year.

"Some parents don't feel it is important to start on a short week," Mangles said to the board. "So we will keep an eye on our enrollment numbers in the coming weeks and see if it goes up. I am concerned because our enrollment was

down last year. We were down about 40 students last year and we are down about 20 this year, so I am a bit concerned about that."

Mangles also reported they are starting a new program for students who are habitually absent from school. He said this is not for truant students, but those who are absent often.

The school policy allows for 16 absences through the

school year, 10 excused with a doctor's note and six unexcused.

"I am going to be meeting with these students on a monthly basis throughout the year," Mangles said of his plan. "I will ask them what their views are on absences from school, and more importantly, I will be making sure that they have a connection to an adult at the school."

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Photo by Sarah Elliott

Parents walk students to class for the first day of school Wednesday at Trigg County Primary School.

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## City council votes to change Dove Circle to one-way street

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Cadiz City Council voted to make Dove Circle a one-way street at its regular meeting last week.

The change comes after complaints from residents in the neighborhood that cars parked on the street make it difficult to drive through the area using a two-way traffic pattern. The council was split on how to best fix the problem.

"If there is one [car] parked on the side of the street and it remains a two-way, as it is now, someone does have to stop to let the other car through," said Cadiz Police Chief Chad Grace to the council about the traffic flow. "If it were one-way and there was a vehicle parked on the side of the road, obviously the flow of traffic is going to continue."

Councilmembers Bob Noel and Jeannie Bodine were in favor of continuing a two-way traffic pattern and enforcing an ordinance banning cars to be parked on the street. Councilmember Susie Hendricks pointed out that many of the homes on Dove Circle do not have enough parking in their driveways for more than one vehicle, forcing families with two or more vehicles to park on the street.

Councilmembers Hendricks, Susan Bryant, Brian Futrell and Frankie Phillips all voted in favor of the traffic flow change in hopes of fixing the

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## 19 Pennyrile projects recommended

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Nineteen projects in the Pennyrile region have been recommended for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Six-Year Highway Plan through fiscal year 2024, Regional Planning Coordinator Craig Morris said Monday during a board of directors meeting at the Pennyrile Area Development District.

Morris said the district's regional transportation committee met a few weeks ago. Working in conjunction with the state transportation cabinet, the committee completed the Strategic

Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow, the state's prioritization process that helps allocate transportation funds in Kentucky.

That process resulted in the 19 projects recommended for improvements.

On the list are five projects in Christian County, including reconstruction from Little River Bridge to Sanderson Road, from Kentucky 380 to Jerry Claiborne Way, from Kentucky 1007 to Kentucky 164 (Newstead Road) and from Sterling Drive to Gary Lane as well as a new interchange at Kentucky 107 and

Interstate 24.

The Little River Bridge project will incorporate a new connector from Sanderson Road to the Kentucky 1682 bypass, according to the list of projects.

Christian County also picked up a project provided by Trigg County, i.e., the widening of U.S. 68/80 from Kentucky 1007 to the U.S. 68 bypass in Hopkinsville, and the county has a project in the Clarksville metropolitan planning organization.

Todd County has one project in the plan, and that is the widening of U.S. 79 from mile markers zero to three, for a total of three

miles along the roadway.

Morris noted that the 19 projects are not ones that have been recommended for funding but are, rather, projects that have been submitted from the region.

They've been selected, ranked and scored for consideration in the state plan; Morris said the projects are assigned points based on variables such as accidents.

Additionally, he spoke about the state's Bridging Kentucky program that was created last year to address a backlog

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