

Addenda to White Paper:

Membership – the number of all students attending schools in a district is known as “Average Daily Membership” [ADM]. All students attending Lexington elementary and middle schools as well as those from Lexington who attend Rockbridge County High School are counted in Lexington’s ADM. State funds allocated under the Composite Index are calculated according to ADM; the higher the ADM, the more money from the state

Tuition – families wishing to send their children to a school not in their division of residence may elect to pay tuition. Amounts vary. Further, Lexington pays tuition to Rockbridge County for its students to attend RCHS. This year’s payment is \$1,085,000.

Census – part of the formula by which the state shares the 1% sales tax with localities is based on the number of school-aged children residing in each locality. Each locality in this region counts its own school-age children for this purpose, regardless of where they receive their education.

History – prior to 1960, students from the Kerrs Creek area of the county attended Lexington High School by special tuition arrangement with the county. In some cases, the students even attended the town’s middle school prior to starting at LHS. This arrangement dates back to at least the 1930’s.

Beginning in 1960, Lexington High School hosted students from the new City of Lexington as well as from the former Effinger High School, along with those from Kerrs Creek and a few who had attended Brownsburg High School. Oversight of the school’s operations was by a six-member committee comprised of three representatives each from the city and county. Management alternated at set intervals between the city and county school superintendents.