

## **Community Tectonics architects chosen to create Jefferson County schools master plan**

June 12, 2003 -- Community Tectonics, which has created more Tennessee school system master plans than any other architectural firm, has been selected to fashion a master plan for Jefferson County's school system.

Jefferson County is the 17<sup>th</sup> Tennessee school system to choose Community Tectonics to produce its outline for future school growth and design.

"Our research told us Community Tectonics is the best in the business, and that's what we need to make sure we're doing the right things for our school system," said Doug Moody, director of Jefferson County schools.

"Jefferson County residents have told us clearly they want long-range planning," Moody added. "Community Tectonics has the experience and the track record to give us the plan we need. The people we've talked to about them give them outstanding recommendations. We think this will be a great benefit to our school system."

Beginning July 1, 2003, Community Tectonics will research, formulate and recommend what Jefferson County schools should look like in the future for the benefit of students, teachers and the community as a whole. Moody said based on its school experience, Community Tectonics will design any projects approved through the plan.

"We appreciate this vote of confidence by the Jefferson County School Board," said Don Shell, president of Community Tectonics. "We will assess the who, what, when, where, how and why of the system, where it is today and develop our best recommendations for the future.

"The growing student population and strains on education budgets demand proper, thorough and careful planning," Shell added. "Without it, everyone winds up spending more money than they should for facilities that may not meet their needs."

Completion date for the master plan is scheduled for February 2004.

Community Tectonics has designed more than 500 primary, middle and high schools. Five firm-designed schools will open in the fall 2003. These are two high schools in Claiborne County, Chuckey-Doak High and Mosheim Middle in Greene County and Sweetwater Primary School.

The 50-year-old firm won three 2002 School of the Year awards from the Tennessee School Board Association. These awards were: Houston County High School, Blythe-Bower Elementary School in Cleveland, Tennessee, and Maryville Intermediate School in Maryville, Tennessee.

In 2003, Community Tectonics was recommended to school planners across the United States by Dr. Philip George in his book, *The Exemplary Middle School*, for its design of the Cleveland, Tenn., middle school.

Other Tennessee school systems for which Community Tectonics has created master plans are:

- Alcoa City Schools
- Bradley County Schools
- Cleveland City Schools
- Cumberland County Schools
- Dickson County Schools
- Greene County Schools
- Hardin County Schools
- Houston County Schools
- Manchester City Schools
- Marion County Schools
- McNairy County Schools
- Perry County Schools
- Polk County Schools
- Rhea County Schools
- Richard City Schools
- Sweetwater City Schools

Community Tectonics, LLC, one of the state's largest architectural and engineering firms, has offices in Knoxville and Nashville. Its staff includes architects, engineers, planners, interior and graphics designers and educational consultants.

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