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**Hamilton County to Make Formal Offer for “Gateway” Site**

*Rendering released of proposed school on the 11-acre site in Chattanooga*

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp today announced that the county is moving ahead with plans to make an offer to BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee to acquire the “Golden Gateway” site in downtown Chattanooga for redevelopment into a school. Since the county expressed interest in the site last week, county commissioners, school board members, and community leaders have rallied around the proposal.

“We’ve received enormous support for pursuing this investment in our students, our workforce, and Hamilton County’s economy,” said **Mayor Weston Wamp**. “The Gateway property presents a can’t-miss opportunity for the county to boldly expand career and technical education near major employers. We look forward to sharing our vision with BlueCross leaders in the days ahead.”

“Since last week’s announcement of the county’s interest in the Gateway property, I have received positive feedback from a variety of stakeholders concerning the possibility of using the site for Career and Technical Education programs and to provide additional classroom space to meet growth in the downtown area,” **Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools Dr. Justin Robertson** said. “The ideas I have discussed with Mayor Wamp would support our Opportunity 2030 strategic plan commitments that Every Student Learns, Every Student Belongs, Every School Equipped, and Every Community Served. As we work to meet our district’s facility needs and serve our students in the best way possible, we appreciate the Mayor’s willingness to consider and work with us on innovative solutions that will strengthen our community.”

Attached is a rendering of the potential state-of-the-art public school by prominent Chattanooga architect, Heidi Hefferlin, of HK Architects.

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