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Hamilton County Retains Coveted Triple AAA Rating for Historic School Bond Issue

First top-tier rating under Mayor Wamp's leadership

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp today announced the county has retained its AAA rating from the three major bond-rating agencies. The ratings come as the county prepares to issue \$260 million in bonds, focused largely on modernizing public school facilities. Moody's, Fitch, and Standard & Poor's assigned AAA ratings to Hamilton County reflecting the county's healthy financial position, strong budgeting practices, and robust economic growth.

"This triple AAA rating affirms Hamilton County's reputation for strong financial stewardship, which has set the stage for us to implement an aggressive plan to modernize public schools across our county," said Mayor Wamp. "Hamilton County's strong economy also has a direct impact on our ratings, which should serve as a reminder for us to continue to invest in our workforce of the future."

Hamilton County was the first county in Tennessee to earn a Triple AAA rating and has retained the coveted status since 2011. This marks the first rating the county has received since Mayor Wamp took office.

You can read reports from each agency here: Moody's, Fitch and Standard & Poor's.

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