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MEDIA RELEASE

TO: Media, Board Members and other Interested Parties

FR: Jeremy Johnson, Supervisor of Board and Community Relations

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RE: Sumner County Schools 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration is April 26

Spring registration for Sumner County children entering kindergarten this fall for the 2019-20 school year is Friday, April 26.

"Each school will hold registration to fit with its schedule, so parents should check with the school for which their children are zoned to determine registration hours," Sumner County Schools Spokesperson Jeremy Johnson said. "Parents with questions about their school zone should call the Transportation Department at 452-1520 or check our website at www.sumnerschools.org."

Eligible children are those who are five years old on or before August 15, 2019. Before starting school, the following information must be provided to school officials:

- ***A state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate - Forms to get certified copies of birth certificates can be obtained from the Sumner County Health Department.***

- ***Proof of required immunization and current physical - These items can be provided by the Health Department or the child's doctor. State law requires a series of three Hepatitis B shots and other immunizations, some of which must be spaced out over a specific period of time. Please check with your child's healthcare provider to make sure all shots can be obtained before the start of school.***

- ***Proof of legal residence of the student's custodial parents or guardians, which may be established by providing one or more of the following: current invoice/bill (electric, gas, water, landline telephone) assigned to a specific address and the primary custodial parent/guardian (cell phone bill is not accepted), legal documents for property ownership/residency and other similar legal documents.***

Parents are encouraged to bring the required information on registration day, but any missing information can be provided at any time prior to the start of school.

Johnson said early registration is important for several reasons.

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“As we look at budget and staffing issues for next year, the size of our kindergarten class is the most difficult thing for us to predict,” Johnson said. “Early registration is important because it gives us our first indication of how large that class will be, and those numbers directly affect how we assign teachers and plan programs for the upcoming year. The higher the percentage of turnout we see on April 26, the closer our projections will be to what will actually happen in the fall. If our projections are accurate, we are better able to keep changes in classroom assignments to a minimum once the school year starts.”