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Fisk unveils plan for data, innovation center



Fisk University President Agenia W. Clark speaks during the announcement of the school's Quantum Leap Innovation Center plan at Fisk University's Jubilee Hall on May 14. The \$1 billion master plan includes modernizing dorms and expansion of existing campus facilities. DENNY SIMMONS/THE TENNESSEAN

President touts 'eco-friendly' facility, mum on funding sources

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Fisk University plans to build a 100,000 square foot data and innovation center along the southern edge of its campus.

A total of 70,000 square feet will be set aside as a "shell" for a data center for a partner that the university is yet to secure, Fisk University President Agenia W. Clark told The Tennessean on May 14 after announcing the project. The other 30,000 square feet will be dedicated to academics, technology and innovation. She said the university plans to break ground on the project in the next six to 10 months.

"Today we look forward to the future of this university, rooted in a rich and storied legacy of educating graduates who make substantive contributions to society," Clark told the roughly 100 people gathered for the announcement at Fisk's Jubilee Hall. "We are paving the way and creating a sustainable future for the mission of this institution, so that we may thrive for centuries to come."

Several Fisk leaders, along with Nashville Mayor

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Artist rendering for proposed changes at Fisk University. SCREENSHOT PROVIDED BY FISK UNIVERSITY

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Kids report sex images on teacher's laptop

Parent disappointed with response by MNPS

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A Metro Nashville elementary school is facing questions over its response after students reported seeing graphic sexual content on a teacher's laptop.

Michael McCord said his 11-year-old son was among a group of fifth graders who said they saw explicit material on a teacher's device during an after-school class May 6 at Stanford Elementary School.

According to McCord, the students approached the teacher's desk to get bottled water while the teacher had stepped out of the classroom. That's when, his son said, students saw sexual images and messages displayed on an OnlyFans web page open on the laptop.

McCord said students reported the teacher to school staff the next morning, but the teacher remained on campus until the following day while administrators investigated. McCord said the school failed to notify him the day his son made the report.

"They seemingly dismissed my son's report of being exposed to really graphic material on their campus," McCord said. "They allowed the teacher to run the halls freely for two days and on top of that didn't communicate with me officially that anything happened."

In a statement to The Tennessean, Metro Nashville Public Schools spokesman Sean Braisted confirmed students "potentially viewed inappropriate content on a staff member's

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Stanford Montessori Elementary School in the Nashville suburb of Donelson is pictured on May 15.

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Man who committed 'the perfect crime' faces execution

Examining 1994 triple homicide in Memphis

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At the edge of South Memphis — bordered by the Bunker Hill, Castalia Heights and Prospect Park neighbor-

hoods — is Rose Hill Cemetery.

Hidden off Elvis Presley Boulevard, trash, clothes and tires litter gravel paths. Grass and trees have overtaken graves; some have toppled. The gate is dented.

But on a recent spring day, some headstones appeared clean, sporting flowers and ribbons. The entrance to the cemetery was open; some grass was stomped down.

Somewhere in the century-old cemetery is the grave of Dorothy Daniels, the scene of an infamous Memphis triple homicide. Three bodies were exhumed from beneath Daniels' casket in March 1994, launching an investigation into what prosecutors would later call "the perfect crime" if it weren't for one alleged participant leading police to the scene.

The case grew into a spectacle. Media coverage dubbed it "the cemetery kill-

ings." A witness fled the state, nearly scuttling the prosecution, and would later die by suicide. Alleged threats and gang connections led to one man representing himself at trial.

And it would be the first Shelby County trial to allow press cameras inside the courtroom.

Almost exactly 30 years after his

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