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A draft of the plan was released at the previous regular session. It has been four months in the making. It was modified just hours before Wednesday night's work session.

It was discussed briefly by the past members, many of whom said they had little time to revise the revised plan.

The Strategic Plan is aimed at seeking community engagement. Its objectives are to increase student achievement, creating a positive culture and eliminating disparities.

It calls for the community to join forces with the school board to increase literacy rates, produce ready graduates and minimize the effects of poverty, mental health and addiction of the county's nearly 62,000 students.

The Strategic Plan has been a long time coming and was the one item Wednesday night that was addressed during the public forum.

Knox County resident Lance McCoid spoke. He is one of several community members on multiple coalitions striving to improve education in the school district.

McCoid made it no secret that



Kimberly Longwire with her daughters, Karlin and Abby, with the car donated to them by Volunteer Bikes and King Collision.

King Collision donates car to Powell teacher

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For the third year King Collision turned a wreck into a wonderful gift for a very worthy person. Thursday the company, at 2707 Old Calahan Road, donated a 2016 Nissan Quest to Powell Elementary 4th grade teacher Kimberly Longwire. She's a mother of two girls, one of which suffers from Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy.

Cindy McCoy and Kelly Long of King Collision sat down with The Focus writer in the week to talk about the special program

"When Bill King learned about the program he started the process," McCoy said. She explained that if a car is damaged in a wreck at 75% of the vehicle's value it is "totaled." The totaled car is then rebuilt and gifted to a special person. State Farm donated this year's car which was taken to King Collision where a total rebuild was begun.

"We get parts donated from local businesses and vendors and our employees donate their time during the repairs. Rebuilt cars are perfectly safe and legal



Representatives of several Knox County companies and organizations, friends and relatives of Kimberly Longwire, watch as the Powell teacher is given a car from Volunteer Bikes and King Collision.