

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Status Update and Possible Action on Management Audits

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve any follow-up actions, in response to ongoing management audits, as recommended by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with 703 KAR 3:205?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In accordance with state law, if the commissioner determines, that a management audit establishes an existing pattern of a significant lack of effectiveness and efficiency and state assistance or state management is necessary to correct the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness, the commissioner shall place a recommendation to declare the district "state-assisted" or "state-managed" before the state board for a hearing on the matter. If the local district agrees with the commissioner's recommendation to declare the district "state-assisted" or "state-managed" and the district waives the right to participate in the hearing before the state board, the commissioner shall place this recommendation before the Kentucky Board of Education for its approval without a hearing.

The department is currently conducting management audits in several school districts. As of the preparation of this staff note, the department is in the process of compiling information for the Commissioner's review, in anticipation of a status update and/or possible follow-up actions at the December board meeting. Additional information will be provided under separate cover as it is finalized.

To provide more clarity on the management audit and improvement process, an attachment titled "Overview of the Kentucky Department of Education/Kentucky Board of Education Management Audit and Improvement Process" has been included to supplement this staff note.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale:

Staff recommends approval of any follow-up actions as recommended by the Commissioner. Any actions will be based on findings of the management audits.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency

Pursuant to state law, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall establish a program for

voluntary management improvement, for involuntary supervision, and for assuming full control of a local school district, in order to ensure that all school districts have the opportunity and capacity to reach proficiency.

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