

I have been strongly encouraged by the response received so far from many of you in relation to a voluntary assessment / contribution to help cover the costs of the proposed CBE funding adequacy study that I shared at the recent Superintendent's Summit in Frankfort. Many of you indicated your willingness to contribute in such a way. As I shared, CBE and its work is normally funded by assessing its member districts. Such an assessment has not happened in several years and as an organization, we do not feel we can make this mandatory for our membership at this time.

However, the proposed study will cost approximately \$130,000 and can be covered by a voluntary contribution in lieu of an assessment at approximately 25 cents per ADA (district ADA of 4,000 * .25 = \$1,000). If 25 cents per ADA is not achievable by your district, any contribution would be helpful and appreciated. I would like to ask that each of you consider such a contribution and send it to our CBE Treasurer, Nannette Johnston at Hardin County Schools, 65 W.A. Jenkins Road, Elizabethtown KY 42701. Please do this as soon as possible!

Just fyi... Our friends, professional organizations and advocates such as KEA, KSBA, KASA, KASS, PTA, KRTA, and the Prichard Committee are also considering contributions and this is being coordinated through the Kentucky Education Advocacy Team (KEAT) facilitated by Nawanna Privett. Also, we would like to provide an opportunity for any other contributions from organizations that may want to support this study such as our coops. Please let me know if you are willing to take this opportunity to another possible funder.

We must have independent verification based on scientific measurement to verify what we already know. We are severely underfunded and must receive adequate funding to ensure all students become college and career ready. Please contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration!

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