

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf Update

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.070, KRS 167.015

### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Kentucky School for the Blind. KRS 167.015 outlines the purposes of the two schools:

- Provide quality, full-time educational services to students who are deaf and hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired; and
- Serve as Statewide Educational Resource Centers on Blindness and Deafness, respectively, by providing technical assistance and resource services (e.g., assessments, consultation on curriculum; language and communication; orientation and mobility; assistive technology) to local school districts, parents, and other agencies or organizations serving children and youth who are deaf and hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired.

At the August meeting, the KBE approved revised policies for both schools. At the October meeting, the state's supervisor of the schools, Walter T. Hulett, will, along with the principals of the two schools, Deborah Phillips (KSB) and Will Begley (KSD), provide an update on how the schools are fulfilling the purposes outlined in KRS 167.015.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

The work of KSB and KSD as described in KRS 167.015 ensures that all students have the supports they need in reaching college and career readiness.

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