

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The Robertson County School District and the Fleming County School District have been designated as districts under state assistance by the Kentucky Board of Education for more than a year. Correcting deficiencies from management audits conducted by Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff was the focus of the earlier work. Both districts have new leadership at the superintendent level since state assistance started.

Fleming County School District

In Fleming, the focus has shifted to addressing the improvement priorities generated by the district diagnostic review conducted in collaboration with KDE and AdvancED in the spring of 2014. The review was conducted due to the Priority School status of Fleming County High School. The school district was determined not to have capacity to lead the turnaround efforts in the high school at that time. These priorities are now being addressed at the district level. Progress on these improvement priorities is being shared by the superintendent with the Fleming County Board of Education on a regular basis. Additionally, the district has created strategic goals with input from stakeholders. Timelines and 30/60/90-day plans are currently being developed relative to these goals. The superintendent also has developed a Superintendent Leadership Plan based on the new Kentucky Superintendent Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (SPGES) Standards. There are three attachments included for Fleming with this staff note: the revised, ongoing 30/60/90-day plan; the 30-day plan and the strategic goals chart.

Robertson County School District

In Robertson, concerns by the local school board and the lack of progress on several critical needs led to new sense of urgency. A new 30/60/90-day plan was developed to address these needs. The plan was shared with the Robertson County Board of Education by KDE staff in a working session on October 13, 2014. The work is currently being aligned with the new Kentucky SPGES Standards. KDE has created and monitored these plans for a little over a year. The plan calls for district staff to begin development of their own plans and to take ownership of the process after the 60th day. There is one attachment included for Robertson with this staff note: the revised ongoing 30/60/90-day plan.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Addressing the priorities identified in districts under state assistance is essential to ensuring their students become college- and career-ready.

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