Board Q&A

Question	Response
S - Do we require background checks	State law does not require background checks for new students ages 18-21 and JCPS does not conduct them.
before enrolling new students who are 18-21?	JCPS conducts background checks in accordance with state law. KRS 160.380(6) states: Requirements for background checks shall be as follows: (a) A superintendent shall require the following individuals to submit to a national and state criminal background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a clear CA/N check, provided by the individual: 1. Each new certified or classified hire; 2. A non-faculty coach or non-faculty assistant as defined under KRS 161.185; 3. A student teacher; 4. A school-based decision-making council parent member; and 5. Any adult who is permitted access to school grounds on a regularly scheduled and continuing basis pursuant to a written agreement for the purpose of providing services directly to a student or students as part of a school-sponsored program or activity
	In addition, JCPS requires background checks for employees of contractors or subcontractors who will be working on school facilities when students are present.
D - Do we no longer require board approval two weeks before field trips that use private carriers?	Board Policy 09.36 Field Trips and Excursions provides for Board approval of the use of a common carrier for a field trip. The policy also provides for field trip approval by the Superintendent in extenuating circumstances, with a report to the Board at a regular meeting following the trip.
N - Financial report - Revenue this year exceeded last year's revenue by more than 4%. Do we drop the tax rate to use the rate that would generate the 4%?	KDE calculates the tax rate based on certain revenue accounts achieving a 4% increase compared to the same accounts in the previous year. Many revenue accounts are not included in this calculation. Additionally, real estate taxes collected on newly constructed properties are excluded from the calculation, although they increase our revenues.