

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

16 KAR 3:090. Request to Waive Admission Requirements for a Director of Pupil Personnel Program for Kellyn Gussler

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the admission requirements?

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

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 3:090

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** 16 KAR 3:090 establishes the preparation and certification requirements for all advanced educational leaders. Section 2 of the regulation sets the prerequisites for admission to a preparation program for advanced education leaders. These prerequisites include qualifications for a Kentucky teaching certificate, admission to the approved preparation program on the basis of criteria developed by the Educator Preparation Provider pursuant to 16 KAR 5:010, Rank II, and completion of at least three years of full-time teaching experience.

***Summary:*** Morehead State University has submitted a waiver on behalf of Kellyn Gussler, a candidate for admission to the director of pupil personnel program. Morehead State University requests a waiver of the requirement of three-years of successful full-time teaching experience and having a valid teaching certificate. Ms. Gussler holds a Rank II master's in school counseling and a bachelor's in human science childhood development. For almost 20 years, she has served as a school counselor, director of community schools, youth services coordinator, and 21<sup>st</sup> century coordinator for Rowan County Schools. The district states her expansive experience has provided exceptional work experience to effectively fulfill the duties of Director of Pupil Personnel. Rowan County Schools state they currently have no certified or interested personnel to fill the impending vacancy. Morehead State University is requesting that the EPSB accept Ms. Gussler's experience to allow her to be admitted to the preparation program for director of pupil personnel.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budgetary impact.

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