

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Resolution Supporting *The 2012 Ten Percent Challenge*

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve a resolution supporting *The 2012 Ten Percent Challenge*?

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

***Existing Policy.*** Win the War Against Violence, a Kentucky-based non-profit organization, contacted Kentucky Department of Education staff and shared information on its violence reduction and education awareness campaign known as *The 2012 Ten Percent Challenge*. The program encourages all Kentuckians to help reduce the instances of violence in the Commonwealth by ten percent in 2012.

Doug Wain, Executive Director of Win the War Against Violence, shared that the campaign's special focus is on Kentucky's youth. He noted that it is educational in nature only and is not intended to be political, financial, religious or judgmental. More information on this program can be found on the organization's website at: [www.winthewarKY.us](http://www.winthewarKY.us).

Many Kentucky mayors as well as the Governor and the Kentucky Center for School Safety have issued proclamations in support of this program.

The board is being asked to approve the attached resolution in support of *The 2012 Ten Percent Challenge*.

#### **Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution supporting *The 2012 Ten Percent Challenge*. This initiative complements the work that the board has done in the area of anti-bullying.

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

Working to ensure that schools and districts are safe environments in which to learn will contribute to students' success.

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Commissioner of Education

**Date:**

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