**THIS IS A DECISION PAPER**

**TO: Members of the Hardin County Board of Education (HCBE)**

**FROM: Nannette Johnston, Superintendent for Hardin County Schools**

**DATE: November 26, 2012**

**TOPIC: Instituting a “drug screening” program at Brown St. Education Center (BSEC)**

 **For all students referred to Brown St. under the Code of Conduct Drug/**

 **Alcohol Policy**

**DISCUSSION:**

The Hardin County Board of Education approved that all students that are found to be in possession, use, or under the influence of a controlled substance, alcohol, etc., on school grounds will be sent to Brown St. Education Center for a minimum of four weeks. During that four week period of time, those students will be placed on the level system and must agree to counseling and adhere to all rules and policies prior to being placed back in the regular school setting at the end of the four weeks. The provisions of this policy are outlined in the Hardin County Code of Conduct as approved for the 2012/13 school year by the HCBE.

Mr. King, in working with “The Brook” hospital, is asking for the Hardin County Board of Education to approve a “drug screening program” for all students referred to Brown St. who violate the Drug/Alcohol Policy in the Code of Conduct. The cost for the “drug screening” program is estimated to be approximately $1,000 a year, based on 10 drug screens per month at a cost of $10 per screen. In addition to the “drug screening program”, Mr. King is offering an “8 Week Parenting Program” to be offered at BSEC for both students and parents of those students identified as “at risk”. The “Brooks Hospital” will provide Mental Health screenings periodically throughout the year and will provide a certified counselor to facilitate an 8 week parenting program at the BSEC. The “Brooks Hospital” will work with school personnel on Family Dynamics of those students assigned to the program prior to the start of the “8 week program”. The total cost for this program is $2,500 per school year and will be funded through the grant that Mr. King received.

All revenue needed to fund this program will be derived from the grant secured by Mr. King and will not be cost prohibitive for the Hardin County Board of Education.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Members of the Hardin County Board of Education approve the “drug testing” program for all students that violate the drug/alcohol policy in the Code of Conduct who are sent to Brown St. Alternative School.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

I move that the Members of the Hardin County Board of Education approve the “drug testing” program for all students that violate the drug/alcohol policy in the Code of Conduct who are sent to Brown St. Alternative School beginning January 1, 2013.