

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Kentucky Gallup Student Poll (GSP) Results

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The GSP is a new measure that captures the youth voice on critical non-cognitive measures for student performance and success. There is a growing need to include student voice in the systems change for transforming education across the Commonwealth.

The GSP tracks the hope, engagement, and wellbeing of students in grades 5 through 12 through a web-based survey administered in the fall of each school year. The poll supplies teachers, administrators and community leaders with actionable and malleable data related to other key achievement measures. Survey results help schools, districts, and community leaders build more effective, holistic strategies aimed at student success and help guide students to college and career readiness. Forty-one Kentucky school districts participated in the 2012 survey (21% of the total nationwide). Kentucky data reveal that on most measures the state's students are faring at least as well, if not better than students nationwide. The results of Kentucky's Gallup Student Poll data appear in attachment A. For more information about the Gallup Student Poll, visit the following website: <http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com>

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Non-cognitive measures have been studied to show an impact on student college and career readiness. The GSP presents survey data that may be used by schools and communities for enhancing student learning outcomes. District and school improvement plans can rely on this data to support continuous improvement efforts. The poll measures students' hope for the future, engagement with school, and wellbeing, all factors that have been shown to drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment.

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