

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County School District and Monticello Independent School District

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

History/Background:

Existing Policy. Breathitt County - On December 5, 2012, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approved Breathitt County School District to be designated as a state managed district, with regular status updates to the board to follow.

Associate Commissioner Susan Allred attended the February 26, 2013, Breathitt County Board meeting and shared with the local board the district/Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) corrective action plans that consist of 12 components (Plan-Do-Study-Act templates). Mike Hughes (education recovery leader) and Larry Hammond (state manager) have developed a series of processes to carry out the plans, monitor progress and regularly report to KDE and the local school board on the progress of these moving forward. In addition, KDE continues to review district expenditures and provide assistance to the district on operational issues.

Monticello Independent - On February 20, 2013, the KBE approved Monticello Independent School District to be designated as a state managed district, with regular status updates to follow. Educational Recovery Leader Jim Hamm has been appointed as the state manager effective March 1, 2013. Please see the attached letter from Jim Hamm on the fiscal situation in the Monticello Independent School District and Commissioner Holliday's response on developing a merger proposal to discuss with Wayne County. KDE staff will also provide any additional updates at the April board meeting that may have occurred after the preparation of this staff note.

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