



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution to be an Early Adopter of a Policy to Raise the Compulsory School Attendance Age to 18

WHEREAS, in the past, students were permitted by state law to drop out of school at the age of 16, thus severely diminishing their opportunities for success in life either in postsecondary education or a career; and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 legislative session, Senate Bill 97 was adopted so that the compulsory school attendance age will be raised to 18 in the 2015–16 school year, for those districts whose local boards of education enact such a policy; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education can begin adopting such a policy on July 1, 2013, or thereafter that contains an effective date of 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, the early adoption of such a policy will give districts the ability to give notice to stakeholders of this important change and give school and district staffs time to plan for its successful implementation; and

WHEREAS, districts need time to develop a timeline and a plan so that alternative programs, integration of career and technical education, community engagement and resources, as well as necessary supports and interventions are in place to meet students' needs in order for them to persist to graduation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Jefferson County, Kentucky, supports early adoption of a policy to raise the compulsory school attendance age to 18, effective in the 2015-16 school year, in order to send a strong message that completing high school is essential to ensure all students graduate prepared.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Board of Education of Jefferson County, Kentucky, to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2013.

I, _____, Assistant Secretary to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at the April 22, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voted.

Diane Porter
Chairperson

Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Superintendent/Secretary