

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**STAFF NOTE**

**Action/Consent Item:**

Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) from the Fort Thomas Independent School District

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.160, 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2)

**Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District to waive the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) to allow a one-time approval of certificated common carriers?

**History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* School districts may transport children using appropriately certified common carriers to transport students to or from school-related events. The use of common carrier service shall be approved by the local board of education and the justification cited in the board minutes.

Fort Thomas Independent School District makes an annual request to the KBE to waive 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2). This allows the school board to have a one-time annual approval of all certificated common carriers to be used by the board for the entire school year. The board of the Fort Thomas Independent School District approved making the request to the state board at the February 11, 2013 meeting. A copy of the letter of request is attached.

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

Staff recommends the approval of the waiver as presented. It allows a more efficient one-time approval of certificated common carriers to occur.

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

The approval of this waiver will assist the school district with efficiency in the area of transportation, which should result in increased time, energy and resources to focus on instructional activities.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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