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Resolution

***“Reaching the 96-District Target and Beyond Required by Senate Bill 97”
by the
Kentucky Board of Education***

- Whereas,** During the 2013 legislative session, outstanding collaboration occurred between Governor Steven L. Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, the General Assembly, Commissioner Terry Holliday, the Kentucky Board of Education, and other education partners resulting in the adoption of Senate Bill 97 so that the compulsory school attendance age would be raised to 18 in the 2015-16 school year for those school districts whose local board of education enacts such a policy; and
- Whereas,** Governor Beshear, First Lady Beshear and Commissioner Holliday launched the “Blitz to 96” initiative to encourage early adoption of such a policy by local boards of education in order to reach the 55 percent of school districts required for it to become mandatory for all districts to implement a policy within four years; and
- Whereas,** Local boards of education and school districts responded courageously and expeditiously to the “Blitz to 96” initiative resulting in reaching the 96-district target in 14 days; and
- Whereas,** Even after the required 96-district target was reached and planning grant dollars were obligated, as of today, XX additional local boards of education and school districts have adopted such a policy, which brings the overall total to XX districts, signaling to students that nobody is giving up on them and a high school diploma is important to their success; and
- Whereas,** In addition to the local school boards and districts that are to be commended for their dedication to ensuring students persist to graduation, staff of the Governor’s Office and Kentucky Department of Education demonstrated outstanding support to ensure the Senate Bill 97 effort is successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education extends its extraordinary gratitude to Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear for their perseverance and determination to ensure passage of Senate Bill 97 and the implementation of the “Blitz to 96” initiative with the result being that hope now exists for ALL young people to graduate college- and career-ready and experience a successful future.

***Done in the city of Frankfort, this 8th day of August,
in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.***



College/Career Readiness for All

David Karem, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education

Terry Holliday, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Education