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From: Shelton, Tom (Fayette)

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 8:44 AM

To: All State Supt

Cc: Marcum, Roger - KDE Board Member; W. Blake Haselton Blake / Haselton; Stu Silberman; Privett, Nawanna - KDE Board Member; Tim Hanner; Susan Perkins Weston

Subject: FAQ about adequacy study

(1) Why are we pursuing the study and encouraging resolutions to lobby the Governor and General Assembly at the same time?

Answer: the two are separate but not mutually exclusive. Both are needed as it should be noted that the only significant increase we have received in SEEK since the early 1990's was when we sued the last time in the mid 2000's.

(2) Is the study definitely a precursor to litigation?

Answer: not necessarily but it would be needed as evidence if litigation were approved by our membership. This study has actually been needed since SB1 in 2009 changed the game from proficiency in CATS to a new measurement which as we know is now College and Career Readiness on a new assessment.

(3) Who is conducting the study? Are these lobbyists?

Answer: the consultants are Picus and Associates who were the authors of the SEEK formula. They are finance professors and researchers, not lobbyists.

(4) Is this a study of what is needed to adequately fund SEEK?

Answer: no, that has already been done by KEAT and CBE through the excellent efforts of Susan Weston. This is a study to design equitable and adequate funding to allow all students in Kentucky to become college and career ready.

Please let me know if you have other questions.

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From: Johnston, Nannette

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Subject: RE: CBE Update

Tom,

We thank you for your leadership in guiding this work. You're right, the response and the leadership throughout the state is inspiring and is creating the momentum we need as we approach this very important budget session. It is imperative that we have a strong and unified voice and presence during this session more than ever before! We are at a pivotal point in Kentucky education. Is our state committed to leading the nation in the area of education? The action taken in this session will help in answering this question.

I have attached a revised Excel document to help you calculate your contribution and the W-9 form needed for your records. Please complete the Excel form and return it with your check. Upon receipt of your contribution, you will receive an electronic receipt.

Thanks again to all of you for stepping up and advocating for adequate and equitable funding for education in Kentucky.

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Subject: CBE Update

A big word of thanks to the outstanding leadership and support from our superintendents in the overwhelming response to supporting the cost of the finance adequacy study so far!

We have heard from more than half of you that your districts will make the voluntary contribution to fund the study. Only one district has been unable to gain Board support so far.

In addition, two of our coops have indicated contributions will be made to assist as well.

We need all of us! Please continue to e-mail those positive responses and follow up with your contributions.

Together, all of us can do this!

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1483	\$0.25	370.75	\$370.75
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