

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL FOR BETTER EDUCATION
VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT
TO FINANCE EDUCATION ADEQUACY STUDY

BACKGROUND:

Kentucky's constitution provides that the General Assembly has the obligation to provide adequate funding for its schools and the funding has fallen below 2007 levels and is not adequate to ensure that all students become college and career ready.

RATIONALE:

The Council for Better Education (CBE) is a membership organization to support adequate and equitable education funding for Kentucky schools. 169 out of the 173 Kentucky school districts are members. CBE is employing Picus and Associates to conduct a Funding Adequacy Study for the state.

PROPOSAL:

| Item | Amount | Funding Source | Recurring/ Nonrecurring | Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline |
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| Membership Assessment | Approximately \$10,000 | Budget | Nonrecurring | |

STAFF CONTACT: Tom Shelton, Superintendent

POLICY REFERENCE: 01.11 (General Powers and Duties of the Board)

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:

“pay the voluntary membership assessment for CBE to assist in the financing of the cost of the adequacy study.”