

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Restoration of school-based decision making (SBDM) authority to four schools

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.345 (5)

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) restore SBDM authority to four schools that were previously granted an exemption from establishing SBDM councils since they no longer meet the statutory condition for the exemption (meeting their accountability goal)?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 160.345 (5) allows schools who meet their accountability goal to apply to the KBE for an exemption from the requirement to establish SBDM councils in their schools. Of all schools that were initially granted an exemption, only seven schools remain.

A review of the current accountability scores of those seven schools reflects that four of the seven failed to meet their annual measurable objective (AMO) goal this past year, which renders these four schools ineligible to continue to receive an exemption. Those four schools are listed below.

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| •Highland-Turner Elementary | Breathitt County |
| •Trapp Elementary | Clark County |
| •Deer Park Elementary | Daviess County |
| •Horse Branch Elementary | Ohio County |

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

Staff recommends that based on the AMO scores of the four schools, the KBE restore SBDM authority and require the schools to establish SBDM councils. This action is required to meet the statutory requirement.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

The additional collaboration and stakeholder involvement that can occur with the implementation of SBDM councils can assist these schools in increasing student achievement and attaining their AMO goals.

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