

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Review Item:**

Update on World Language Implementation Grants

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 158.6453, 703 KAR 5:230

#### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* At its June 4 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a proposal from Commissioner Terry Holliday to move forward with the implementation of the World Language Program Review at the high school level in 2014-15 with accountability occurring in 2015-16. However, elementary and middle schools would begin planning for implementation of a world language and global competency program in 2014-15, implement the program through a statewide pilot in 2015-16 and be held accountable in 2016-17.

Commissioner Holliday also announced the roll-out of \$200,000 in grants for which schools and districts will be able to apply to support the development of a world-class, model global competency program at the elementary and middle school levels.

On Monday, June 30, the Kentucky Department of Education released the following information about the grants:

- On July 14, a Request for Applications (RFA) was released for this work.
- Elementary and middle schools are eligible to apply for grants of \$15,000 for professional learning and planning for exemplary global competency and world language programs.
- The application is brief, but requires schools to make the following commitments:
  1. Use funds to learn about and then plan for the implementation of a sustainable and integrated program for all students to understand and meet global competency skills;
  2. Implement or build upon an existing World Language Program;

3. Work collaboratively with KDE and VIF International Education (formerly known as Visiting International Faculty) (as an evidence-based provider of support programs and services) to carry out grant activities, including sharing findings and other related data/information; and

4. Share the thinking and process of building a global competency program and serve as a spokesperson and model for other schools, districts, partner agencies and VIF International Education.

Online technical assistance will be provided on Tuesday, July 22.

Applications are due August 15 with awards made before September 14, 2015.

Staff will update the KBE at its August meeting on the grant process.

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Important work is going on in Kentucky focused on supporting global competence and second language skills to support the implementation of a World Language Program Review. The ultimate goal is:

*In order to insure Kentucky students enter college with required competencies and can interact in a global society, programs in Kentucky schools will provide opportunities for all students to demonstrate second language and inter-cultural proficiencies through varied in- and out-of-school opportunities.*

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