

FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRAFT BUDGET **FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

Background:

In accordance with state statute (KRS 160.470) and Kentucky Department of Education regulations for budget development, the Board of Education must formally and publicly review the anticipated General Fund receipts and expenditures upcoming fiscal year by January 31 of each year. This first part of the budgeting process is called the Draft Budget.

The Draft Budget discussion for 2015-2016 was developed through a collaborative effort by the Department of Budget and Staffing, Financial Services, and Superintendent and Cabinet. Amounts anticipated to be allocated to School Councils through application of Board of Education Policy 02.4331 are also added to the Draft Budget.

The Department of Financial Services projects the anticipated General Fund revenues through an analysis of past trends and the current market. The two departments meet to review both anticipated revenues and expenditures. The two functions are then merged into the Draft Budget.

Rationale:

The Draft Budget is a starting point for discussion. The intent is that the budget figures be presented in open forum with full knowledge that they are subject to change as both revenue and expenditure requirements are refined.

In January, the district board of education must review the Draft Budget but is not required to take any action. In May, the district board of education must approve the Tentative Working Budget. Upon receipt of its certified assessment and maximum permissible tax rates from the Kentucky Department of Education, the district board of education has thirty (30) days within which to levy tax rates and submit the Tax Rates Levied form to the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of School Finance. The Final Working Budget is the final stage in the budgeting process. Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the levy tax rates, or not later than September 30, the district board of education must approve the Final Working Budget.

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

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to reflect in the minutes:
"The Board has reviewed the anticipated revenue and anticipated expenditures for the 2015-2016 school years."