#### KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

AdvanceKentucky Update

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

KRS 158.007, 158.622, 158.847, 158.848, 158.849, 704 KAR 3:510

#### History/Background:

*Existing Policy*. AdvanceKentucky began in the 2008-2009 school year under a partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative and continues with major support from the Kentucky Department of Education among other sponsors. This presentation will feature updates on:

- The 2014 annual performance and 2014-15 participation levels.
- The 2014 independent research by KCEWS on the longitudinal impact of the AP experience among AdvanceKentucky student-based on feedback from the inaugural report in 2013.
- Laying the Foundation (LTF) scale-up to serve Pre-AP teachers;
- The status of vetting of 10 new schools to participate in the eighth cohort to begin with the 2015-16 school year.
- A "Partner Program" established for schools that have completed their original agreements.
- The launch of Kentucky Coders public awareness campaign for computer science education to address expansion of AP Computer Science and relevant feeder classes needed to build this capacity.

Attached is an update on the progress of the program.

#### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Research has shown that AdvanceKentucky students performed better in high school, earned higher college GPAs, and required far less remediation in college (developmental education courses). Subsequent research will not only show impact of AdvanceKentucky in high schools but will ultimately track students through their college and employment

experience. This research will show the long-term impact of AdvanceKentucky on students' lives beyond high school.

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