

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Update on the Kentucky Education North Star Project

Applicable Statute(s) or Regulation(s):

KRS 156.160

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In 2013-14, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and The Center for Education Leadership (KASA/CEL) partnered with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), to make several grant opportunities available for Kentucky school districts, relating to productivity and efficiency. The purpose of these grants was to help interested school districts to gain a fundamental understanding of process and performance management (PPM), including how to embed such techniques into school and district operations in order to achieve greater use and efficiency of existing resources, cost savings, and ultimately reallocation of funds back to the classroom. As part of this process, KASA/CEL also engaged the American Productivity Quality Center (APQC), which has worked with school districts across the country on this type of work. These efforts have collectively been branded as the “Kentucky Education North Star Project.” The initial work on these grants was completed as of December 2014. In addition, for 2014-15, KASA is partnering with KDE, APQC and the Kentucky Council for Performance Excellence (KYCPE), to provide similar opportunities for school districts moving forward. At the February board meeting, the state board will be provided with an update on these collective efforts by Wayne Young, Executive Director of KASA.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Sufficient funding for education programs is essential for all students to achieve academic proficiency.

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