

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

History/Background:

On December 5, 2012, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approved the Breathitt County School District (Breathitt) as being designated a state-managed district. On August 26, 2014, the KBE voted to continue state management in Breathitt for another three (3) years. Recent updates from the district include:

- Sixth Grade Academy Students at Sebastian Middle School have gone totally paperless due to all students having a personal device.
- The Sixth Grade Academy has a cumulative ADA of 97.3%.
- The 16 Next Generation Academy students finished the first semester with positive results, including:
 - Primarily all A's and B's.
 - 14 of the 16 students received 16 hours of college credit with the remaining 2 students receiving 13 hours.
 - The district received accolades from the college staff about the quality of the students participating.
- District cumulative ADA is approximately 95%.
- Principals have been selected through the SBDM process at Marie Roberts Elementary and Highland Turner Elementary.
- Roof installation at the Area Technology Center is nearly complete.
- The District Performance Contracting Package is nearly ready for the bidding process.
- All surplus (unnecessary) real property in the district has now been properly disposed.
- Four district teachers are pursuing National Board Certification.
- Communication with the court system continues to improve and is focused on improved attendance and services for students.
- Ongoing in-depth discussion on all items appears to be generating better conversations at local board meetings, as reflected by the input and questions being raised.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Effective and efficient operation of the school district is necessary for students to be college- and career-ready.

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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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