

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Hope Street Group Update

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.557, 704 KAR 3:370

History/Background:

Existing Policy. On April 11, 2013, a partnership with Hope Street Group (HSG) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Education Association (KEA), and Prichard Committee was announced for the purpose of better engaging teachers in the implementation of Kentucky's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). HSG is a national nonpartisan nonprofit that connects teachers to policy makers through its State Teacher Fellows Program. The HSG efforts center on transforming the teaching profession and improving outcomes for children.

The Kentucky Teacher Fellowship Program is similar to the HSG national program. The fellowship enables teachers to be active participants in state education conversations by providing a platform to discuss ideas and create solutions. It also gives participants opportunities to meet leading policy makers and present those solutions.

At the August board meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) will hear feedback about the PGES from the field collected as part of the HSG partnership and suggestions for continuous improvement. Brad Clark from HSG will present this information.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

HSG, through its teacher fellows, provides an avenue to collect voices from the field for improving teacher practices across the Commonwealth. The fellowship program fosters teacher leadership in schools, districts, and regions for the purpose of elevating the teaching profession and supporting student success.

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