

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Certification of Non-Public Schools

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160(3)

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission to certify for the designated period of time the schools listed below?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 156.160(3) provides that any “private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.”

At the September 1992 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a process to certify non-public schools. The board certifies schools by considering the recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission. The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission ensures that the schools being presented to the board for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process of one of the ten state, regional or national accrediting agencies approved for this purpose by the board.

The following schools are being recommended:

ONE year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Holy Family Collegiate High School
Mr. Matt Anderson
932 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY 41101

FOUR years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

St. Paul Elementary School
Ms. Joan Butterworth
1812 Saint Paul Road
Leitchfield, KY 42754

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

St. Joseph Academy
Sr. Elizabeth Ann Barkett
48 Needmore Street
Walton, KY 41094

St. Joseph Elementary School
Mr. Ron Christensen
6829 Four Mile Road
Camp Springs, KY 41059

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools:

Anchored Christian School
Ms. Betty Jo Hicks
1807 Cave Mill Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International:

Carter Christian Academy
Ms. Shara Adkins
3547 State Route 773
Hitchins, KY 41146

Kentucky Christian Academy
Ms. Lori Eubank
2046 Old Columbia Road
Campbellsville, KY 42718

Little Flock Christian Academy
Mr. Rick Grice
5500 North Preston Highway
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Portland Christian School
Ms. Jodell Seay
8509 Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40242

Rose Hill Christian School
Dr. Jerry Foster
1001 Winslow Road
Ashland, KY 41102

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:

Summit Christian Academy
Ms. Marjorie Johnson
2780 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40503

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

KORE Academy
Ms. Carol Douglas
2228 Lovell Court
Lexington, KY 40513

Presentation Academy
Ms. Barbara Wine
861 South 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40203

St. Leo Elementary School
Mr. Gene Cahill
255 Huntertown Road
Versailles, KY 40383

FIVE years (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by National Lutheran School Accreditation:

Our Savior Lutheran School
Mr. Wesley Wrucke
8307 Nottingham Parkway
Louisville, KY 40222

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends that the board accept the recommendations for certification of the schools listed above from the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission.

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission has worked closely with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education to establish the certification process for non-public schools. The Commission has appointed a coordinator for the project and monitors the process carefully before making the recommendations presented here.

The schools listed above have successfully completed the accreditation processes conducted by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission or the accrediting associations approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission recommends certification for the schools listed above for the designated periods of time.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

The Non-Public Schools Commission's process ensures these schools are meeting certain quality measures.

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