

## **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 were to help interested school districts 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.”

For 2014-15, KASA partnered with KDE, APQC and the Kentucky Council for Performance Excellence (KYCPE) to provide similar opportunities for school districts moving forward. These efforts continue in the current school year (2015-16).


At the February 2015 board meeting, KASA provided the state board with an update on this productivity and efficiency initiative. At the October 2015 board meeting, a revised update will be provided.

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

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

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