## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **STAFF NOTE**

## **Action/Consent Item:**

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board Appointment

## **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 167.035

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education appoint the individual recommended below to the KSB Advisory Board?

## **Background/History:**

**Existing Policy.** KRS 167.035 allows the Kentucky Board of Education to appoint a five-member Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board upon the recommendation of the Chief State School Officer. The board acts in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership in conducting the activities of the school. Members shall represent each of the following role groups:

- Parent of currently-enrolled student
- Community business
- Consumer or alumnus
- School district or Special Education Cooperative
- At-large member from individuals or agencies that have a vested interest in education of students who are blind or visually-impaired

The at-large member position is vacant.

#### **Staff Recommendation and Rationale:**

Staff recommends the appointment of Kenis Hall to the KSB Advisory Board. Mr. Hall is a resident of Banner, Kentucky. He has been employed by the Kentucky Office for the Blind in Prestonsburg as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the last thirty-four years.

Nominations were sought from groups required by KRS 167.035 and the public.

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

Feedback on the governance and operation of KSD and KSB are essential to their success.

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