

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Approval of the Kentucky Board of Education's Legislative Agenda for the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly (Legislative Agenda attached)

### **Commissioner's Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Kentucky Board of Education approve the 2016 legislative agenda.

### **Rationale:**

The legislative agenda is based on the budget priorities submitted by the Kentucky Department of Education to the Office of State Budget Director and the Legislative Research Commission in preparation of the 2016-2018 biennium budget. These budget priorities were approved by the Kentucky Board of Education prior to their submission and the board has given input on the legislative agenda at previous meetings.

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the legislative agenda for the 2016 Regular Session?

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS Chapter 48 and KRS 7A.010 to 7A.170

### **History/Background:**

**Existing Policy:** Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Chapter 48 directs Kentucky's budget process and prescribes uniform budget preparation instructions, forms and records which must be used by all state agencies in formulating their budget requests. KRS 7A.010 to 7A.170 requires state agencies to prepare six-year capital improvement plans, based upon agency policy issues and projected program needs, for capital projects.

**Summary:** The Kentucky General Assembly convenes the next regular session in January 2016. At the August and October KBE meetings, potential items were considered and reviewed for possible inclusion in the board's legislative agenda for the next regular session. The document resulting from this discussion is attached for the board's review and approval.

**Budget Impact:** The legislative agenda focuses on KBE budget priorities. The fiscal impact is detailed in the legislative agenda attachment.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**Date:**

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