

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Revocation of Exemption from School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) for Three Schools

Commissioner's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) revoke the school-based decision making exemption and restore SBDM authority in accordance with KRS 160.345(5.).

Rationale:

The revocation of the exemption is based on the annual measurable objective (AMO) scores of the three schools. Pursuant to KRS 160.345(5), these three schools are ineligible to continue their exemption from school-based decision making.

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education revoke the school-based decision making exemption and restore school-based decision making authority to three schools that were previously granted an exemption from establishing school-based decision making councils on the basis that the schools no longer meet the statutory condition for the exemption?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.345(5)

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 160.345(5) allows schools who meet their accountability goal to apply to the KBE for an exemption from the requirement to establish school-based decision making councils.

Summary: Only three schools remain that were initially granted an exemption from KRS 160.345(5). A review of the current accountability scores reveals that these three schools failed to meet their annual measurable objective this past year. Pursuant to KRS 160.345(5), these three schools are ineligible to continue their exemption from school-based decision making. The three schools are listed below:

- Whitesville Elementary, Daviess County
- Central Elementary, Johnson County
- Flat Gap Elementary, Johnson County

Budget Impact: The financial impact of the revocation of exemption from school-based decision making should be modest, as each of the three affected schools previously implemented school-based decision making and is expected to incur only training expenses. There is not a cost at the state level.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Local officials in Daviess and Johnson Counties have been notified that the schools will be required to make this change if the state board approves the revocation. They have acknowledged that the schools will comply.

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