

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties

### **Rationale:**

This item is designed to inform the board of progress made in state-managed school districts.

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

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** The history/background on school districts in state management is as follows:

1. On December 5, 2012, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approved the Breathitt County School District as being designated a state-managed district. On August 26, 2014, the KBE voted to continue state management in Breathitt for another three (3) years.
2. On July 10, 2015, the KBE approved the Menifee County School District as being designated a state-managed district.

***Summary:*** Status updates are attached to this staff note relative to progress in each district since the February 2016 state board meeting. The following dates are potential state management exit dates, pending a KDE management audit:

1. Breathitt County – May 2017
2. Menifee County – July 2018

***Budget Impact:*** There is an ongoing fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), based upon the assignment of personnel and resources from the Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts, to support the work in these districts. Resources also are assigned from the Office of Administration and Support on an as needed basis. The estimated budget impact to KDE is approximately \$1.5 million annually in staffing related costs.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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