

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Consent Item:**

*New District Facility Plans:* Bath County, Bellevue Independent, Boone County, Mayfield Independent, and Warren County

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

It is recommended that the Kentucky Board of Education approve the proposed new District Facility Plans (DFPs) for Bath County, Bellevue Independent, Boone County, Mayfield Independent, & Warren County School Districts in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180.

### **Rationale:**

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the plans presented are in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180 and are in compliance with the appropriate steps as follows: (1) Local Planning Committee (LPC) selection process documented; (2) review of proposed district facility plans for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan, and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approval.

### **Action Question:**

Should the KBE approve the proposed DFPS for the Kentucky school districts listed above?

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

KRS 157.420(4), KRS 157.620, KRS 157.622, 702 KAR 4:180

### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy:* In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, each district must develop a local District Facility Plan (DFP) at the completion of a four-year cycle or at the completion of an eight-year cycle (maximum) if the district applies for and is granted a waiver.

*Summary:* The facilities planning process provides a District Facility Plan that contains an assessment of the school district's attributes and operations including the district profile, demographic information, facility conditions, and finances (cost of delivery of services). Local school districts are required to select a Local Planning Committee to develop a DFP outlining capital construction priorities.

Information reviewed in developing the DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of

program and facility needs required to provide an equitable educational opportunity. Kentucky Department of Education staff provides the process to be undertaken by the district in an orientation package. Information for KDE review is then developed by the LPC and its consultants.

The LPC, by virtue of its makeup, encourages both community involvement and diversity of ideas. The LPC recommends a DFP to the local board. If the local board does not approve the DFP, it goes back to the LPC for further refinement. However, a DFP submitted for approval to the KBE is the final decision of the local board of education and may or may not reflect the determinations of the LPC.

The submitted DFP's for Bath County, Bellevue Independent, Boone County, Mayfield Independent, and Warren County were recommended by the LPCs and approved by the local boards of education. Attached with each district's facility plan and hearing report are enrollment projection and non-resident student data for the district.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budget impact on state funds.

### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses**

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school districts with no significant issues noted. The plans were approved by the local planning committees and school boards of the districts by majority vote.

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**Commissioner of Education**

### **Date:**

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