

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative and Grant Update

Rationale:

To provide the Kentucky Board of Education with pertinent updates and information related to the NSFY Initiative and the grant funding requirements.

History/Background:

Existing Policy: As part of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Career Readiness Initiative, JPMorgan Chase has dedicated \$35 million of grant funding for CCSSO to lead the New Skills for Youth grant opportunity for states.

Summary: The NSFY initiative has two overarching goals:

- To dramatically increase the number of students in the U.S. who successfully complete career pathways that begin in secondary school and culminate in postsecondary degrees and/or industry credentials with labor market value; and
- To catalyze transformational approaches for the design and implementation of programs and policies to increase students' career-readiness in a cohort of leading states and disseminate lessons learned to the rest of the country.

Kentucky is one of 25 states (including the District of Columbia) to be awarded Phase One grant funds as part of this initiative. This presentation will provide the Kentucky Board of Education with updates regarding the strategic plans and implementation timeline for this grant, including the collaborative work between the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.

Budget Impact: The grant funds awarded to the Kentucky Department of Education for Phase One of the NSFY grant total \$100,000 and must be expended by November 1, 2016. Phase Two awardees are eligible for up to \$2M each year, for a maximum of three years.

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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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