

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent

### **Rationale:**

To apprise the board of progress made in state-assisted 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 assistance is as follows:

1. At the October 2013, state board meeting, the Robertson County School District was designated for state assistance by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).
2. At the December 2013, state board meeting, the Fleming County School District was designated for state assistance by the KBE.
3. At the February 2015, state board meeting, the Caverna Independent School District was designated for state assistance by the KBE.

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

1. Robertson County – October 2016
2. Fleming County – October 2016
3. Caverna Independent – February 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 \$980,000 annually in staffing related costs.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**Date:**

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