

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Hope Street Group (HSG) Update

Rationale:

To update the board on the work associated with HSG, through its Kentucky State Teacher Fellows Program. This has occurred annually in the past.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.557, 704 KAR 3:370

History/Background:

Existing Policy: On April 11, 2013, a partnership with HSG and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Education Association (KEA) and Prichard Committee was announced for the purpose of better engaging teachers in the implementation of Kentucky's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). HSG is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit that connects teachers to policy makers through its State Teacher Fellows Program.

The Kentucky State Teacher Fellowship Program is similar to the HSG national program. The fellowship enables teachers to be active participants in state education conversations by providing a platform to discuss ideas and create solutions. The fellowship program fosters teacher leadership in schools, districts and regions for the purpose of elevating the teaching profession, creating communication pathways between classroom teachers and policy makers and supporting student success across the Commonwealth to lead reform efforts.

Summary: At the August board meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) will hear how the collection and synthesis of teacher perspectives/voice has impacted learning systems across the state. Fellows also will detail their collaborative efforts to engage teachers in policy matters through the following initiatives:

- Policy Together campaign
- KYedpolicy.org
- Classroom Connections (a monthly serial in the *Courier Journal*)
- Similar efforts at the regional and state level

HSG Kentucky State Teacher Fellows and their director, Brad Clark, also will present their findings and goals for the upcoming year.

Budget Impact: The HSG Kentucky State Teacher Fellows Program will begin drawing \$250,000 from KDE state general funds in this fiscal year as part of a two-year renewable contract.

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