

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

2017 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the 2017 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses.

Rationale:

To provide revisions that are necessary updates to the specifications for student safety. The Pupil Transportation Branch received input from the February 2016 meetings of the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee, which is composed of district transportation professionals. This input was used in revising the specifications.

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the 2017 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.153, 702 KAR 5:060

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The Kentucky Board of Education is required to approve the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses in accordance with 702 KAR 5:060, Section 2. The Division of District Support annually reviews the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses and revises the specifications when experience, model changes, manufacturing techniques, and product improvement indicate that revision and updating is necessary. Attached is a summary of the proposed revisions and a detailed description of the changes. The full document is posted on the online materials portal.

Summary: The Pupil Transportation Branch received input from the February 2016 meetings of the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee, which is composed of district transportation professionals. This input was used in revising the specifications. The revisions provide necessary updates to the specifications for student safety. There will be no additional cost to the base price of a school bus due to any options. There will be a decrease in cost of approximately \$50 per bus for the change of the sunshield and an increase of cost by approximately \$75 for the additional handrail on special needs buses.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact at the state level.

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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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