

**Executive Summary  
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting  
Agenda Item**

**MEETING: Planning**

**DATE: 9/12/2016**

**TOPIC: Transitioning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Accelerated Program**

**PREPARED BY: Michael D. Dailey**

**Recommended Action on: 9/12/2016  
Discussion Item**

**Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes**

**Recommendation/Motion: N/A**

**Background/Rationale:** State regulations specifically identify special schools or self-contained classrooms for gifted students as 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades only. This is not a change in the law. KDE confirmed a waiver for the program does not exist nor was there evidence that local Board action was taken to request a waiver. Taskforce was formulated and created recommendations to support the transition. The comprehensive audit revealed the need for a primary talent pool curriculum and professional learning in differentiation. Moving forward: We have informed all families with rising third grade students (September 8). We will take this year to design, develop, and deploy differentiation professional learning opportunities, curriculum selection, cluster policy development, as well as establish other avenues to grow PTP services district-wide. Review research based best practice models for underrepresented population engagement such as The Young Scholars Program.

**Policy:** State Regulation 704 KAR 3:285 & District Policy 08.132

**Fiscal Impact: N/A**

**Attachments(s): None**

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