

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District for Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2)

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District to waive the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) to allow a one-time approval of certificated common carriers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Rationale:

To allow the school district to more efficiently use certificated common carriers during the fiscal year. This efficiency will result in increased time, energy and resources to focus on instructional activities.

Action Question:

Should the KBE approve the request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District for a continuing waiver of the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) to allow the local board of education to grant a one-time approval of certificated common carriers for the 2017-2018 school year?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160, 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2)

History/Background:

Existing Policy: School districts may utilize appropriately certificated common carriers to transport students to or from school-related events. The use of a common carrier service shall be approved by the local board of education and the justification cited in the board minutes.

Summary: The Fort Thomas Independent School District makes an annual request to the KBE to waive 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2). This is the eighth annual waiver the district has requested. This allows the school board to have a one-time annual approval of all certificated common carriers to be used by the board for the entire school year. The district only owns three smaller school buses for use in transporting special needs students and for small trips, if available. It relies on procuring charter bus services for field trips and extra-curricular activities. The board of the Fort Thomas Independent School District approved making the request to the

state board at the December 12, 2016 meeting. The district has requested a continuing waiver for the 2017-2018 school year and for each subsequent year. A copy of the letter of request is attached. The KBE previously approved a waiver for 2016-2017 at the April 13, 2016 meeting.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact on state funds.

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