

BREATHITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

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ACTION PLAN UPDATE

1. Status Update

- i** Breathitt County Schools has a cash balance of \$1.9 million. The current budget has an ending fund balance of \$650,000 or a 4% contingency.

The district submitted a new application for the second round of the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative.

Mid-year SEEK transportation funding has been adjusted downward by \$55,000 due to a 7% loss of transported students. Additionally, the district is facing a projected decline of \$158,000 in Unmined Mineral Tax revenue this fiscal year. For next fiscal year, the district has already been notified that Federal Title II funds will be cut by as much as \$122,000.

A new District Facility Plan has been submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) for approval. The Local Planning Committee was very engaged in the work and attendance was high at all the meetings.

Summer professional development has been scheduled for teachers based on data gathered from district walkthroughs and other sources. Teachers will be getting training in Classroom Systems and Cooperative Learning Strategies.

2. Action Strategies - Completion

- i** A credit recovery/alternate setting position was created by shifting resources from central office to provide all students an environment in which to be successful and graduate college and/or career ready.

Intervention classes are fully implemented for each school in the district. This supports Novice Reduction and closing the achievement gap for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch and/or special needs.

The district completed the March 1st Child Count for Preschool and disaggregated data into school and disability categories. The district preschool population increased by 12 students.

The food service department recently participated in a KDE Administrative Review. The review was excellent but some changes need to be made in the way the district is reimbursed for indirect costs.

After several months and an extensive search, the vacant speech pathologist position has been filled.

The board accepted a bid for a new transportation maintenance truck and it has been delivered to the district.

3. Action Strategies - Deficiencies

- i** Walkthrough data validates the need for additional training and support in many areas of instruction for the majority of teachers in the district.

The district walkthrough protocol is being revised due to several scheduling conflicts within central office and the reduction in the number of central office personnel.

The condition of district facilities continues to be a major concern. Maintaining and repairing the antiquated buildings continues to be a drain on district funds. Roofs leak, buildings flood, and HVAC systems seem to need constant repair.

There has been a significant delay in the purchase of a summer feeding program bus due to the lack of available vendors to bid the upgrades.

4. Action Strategies – Additions

- i** An action plan has been developed based on reports from recent safe school assessments conducted by the Kentucky Center for School Safety to improve student safety in our schools.

The credit recovery program has already helped several students get on track to graduate.

District and high school leadership have found several students in the 5th year graduation cohort that did not graduate and several students are working toward completing their degree.

A district strategic communication plan is being developed in collaboration with interns provided to the district by the Morehead State University Communications Department.

Middle school achievement data is showing great progress in Reading. Several interventions have been implemented in collaboration with the Education Recovery staff assigned to the school.