

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

2018 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the 2018 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses.

Rationale:

To provide necessary revisions to the Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications to improve student safety. The Pupil Transportation Branch developed the recommended revisions during the February 2017 meeting of the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee. The committee is comprised of district transportation professionals.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.153, 702 KAR 5:060

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The KBE 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.

Summary: Attached is a draft of the revised Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications as well as a summary of the proposed revisions with a detailed description of the changes. Staff recommends the board approve the 2018 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses. The Pupil Transportation Branch received input from the February 2017 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.

Budget Impact: There is no impact to the Kentucky Department of Education's budget. Pricing for 2018 bus models is not yet available.

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