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<u>Action/Discussion Item:</u> To establish three temporary special needs para educator positions for the 2017-18 school year.

<u>Applicable Statutes or Regulations:</u> KRS 162.90 Powers and Duties of the Local Board of Education. 707 KAR 1:320 Individual Education Programs, Section 5.

Background and major Policy Implications: Particular during the summer, but throughout the year, students transfer into the district with Individual Education Plans from previous schools. Often the plan is written that the student is to have the support of a para educator. A temporary para educator position, would allow for a substitute to work with the student until the school could evaluate the students' needs based upon existing programs and current staff. Sufficient time would be available for the admission and release committee (ARC) to convene and develop an IEP for the student. If it is deemed necessary to have an additional para educator, the Director of District Wide Services would report this need to the board of education and make the recommendation via issue paper as soon as possible.

Fiscal Budgetary Impact: Approximately \$65.00 per day per para educator. General funds would cover the expense.

<u>Alternatives:</u> None proposed. These actions are necessary to provide an appropriate instructional program for students with special needs, to remain in compliance with Kentucky Administrative Regulations, and to ensure all students in the classes involved an appropriate educational environment.

Recommended Action: Establish three temporary special education positions for the 2017-18 school year.

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Superintendent

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