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Subject: Acceptance into the 2017-2018 Non-Traditional Instruction Program

Dear Superintendent:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Livingston County Schools has been approved to participate in KDE's Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Your district's application met the criteria of acceptance into the program by earning a score of proficient or above from the application review committee.

As you know, NTI is governed by the language of KRS 158.070 (9):
*Notwithstanding any other statute, each school term shall include no less than the equivalent of the student instructional year in subsection (1)(d) of this section, **except that the commissioner of education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for school districts that have an alternative instruction plan approved by the commissioner of education for the use of alternative methods of instruction, including virtual learning, on days when the school district is closed for health or safety reasons, on nontraditional days, or on nontraditional time.** The district's plan shall demonstrate how teaching and learning in the district will not be negatively impacted. Average daily attendance for purposes of Support Education Excellence in Kentucky program funding during the student attendance days granted shall be calculated in compliance with administrative regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education.*

With this approval, your district is now eligible to request up to 10 attendance days on which non-traditional instructional methods were implemented due to school cancellation. Please be aware, **this approval is for permission to conduct non-traditional instruction, not for an automatic waiver of the 10 days.** In the spring, documentation for each NTI day must be submitted to KDE. Upon review of the documentation, relief **may** be granted for the requested days.

There is an NTI guidance document on the program's webpage that may be helpful as your district's NTI plans get underway: <http://education.ky.gov/school/innov/Pages/Non-Traditional-Instruction.aspx>
This document provides the answers to common NTI-related questions along with directions for technical aspects of the program and common practices among participating districts. The guidance document will be updated this summer to reflect new IC coding directions, the documentation submission method used in the spring, and a list of participating districts and their point of contact for the NTI program. The majority of the information in the guidance document will remain the same and relevant for the 2017-2018 school year.

I have your district's NTI contact as Amy Ramage.
If this is not correct or has changed, please let me know who will be serving as the district contact.

We want to reiterate the fact that there is no truth to the rumor that a district taking advantage of the alternate school calendar structure offered by SB50 (Enacted 2017) will not be able to use the Non-Traditional Instruction program, or will not have their NTI days approved. Your district may choose to build an alternate school calendar and will still be eligible for the NTI program and documentation from the NTI days will be reviewed on the same criteria as a district not implementing an alternate calendar.

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to David Cook david.cook@education.ky.gov or Beth Peterson beth.peterson@education.ky.gov or at 502-564-4201.

Thank you for your vision to consider non-traditional instruction practices and congratulations on being approved for the 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,
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