

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

2017-2018 Local District Tax Rates Levied

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the 2017-2018 Local District Tax Rates Levied in accordance with KRS 160.470.

Rationale:

To provide the opportunity for department staff to certify that the proposed school district tax rates provided in the attached document are in compliance with KRS 160.470.

Action Question:

Should the KBE approve the 2017-2018 Tax Rates Levied for the local school districts listed in the handout provided to the board?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.470

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The Kentucky Board of Education is required to approve the school district tax rates, if in conformity with KRS 160.470.

Summary: The Commissioner of Education certifies the local ad valorem tax rates and revenue to the district boards of education in accordance with KRS 132.0225, 134.590(7), 157.440, 160.470, and 160.473. The district's board of education has forty five (45) days from the certification of assessment data to establish tax rates.

Staff is providing the most current list of districts requesting approval of their tax rates at the October meeting. Also included for the board's information is a chart (attachment) showing tax rates levied by type from 2012-2013 through 2017-18, as well as a definitions page explaining the different types of tax rates.

Kentucky school districts continue to experience economic challenges related to the decrease in unmined mineral assessments. This loss of unmined mineral assessment value negatively impacts local tax revenue. As a result many districts, have raised local property tax rates in an attempt to compensate for the loss of the coal tax revenue.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact at the state level.

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