

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Request for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) from Adair County High School, Adair County Schools

#### **Commissioner's Recommendation:**

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the alternative SBDM model requested by Adair County High School.

#### **Rationale:**

To provide Adair County High School the ability to implement a different structure for school-based decision making, specifically to include one (1) non-voting student member. The alternative model requested by Adair County High School is consistent with all requirements listed in 701 KAR 5:100, Guidelines for alternative models for school-based decision making.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the KBE approve the alternative SBDM model requested by Adair County High School?

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 160.345(7), 701 KAR 5:100

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** KRS 160.345 (7) allows a school that chooses to have school-based decision making but requests to be exempt from the administrative structure set forth in the statute to develop a model for implementing SBDM that includes, but is not limited to, a description of the membership, organization, duties and responsibilities of a school council. Pursuant to 701 KAR 5:100, the school is required to submit the model through the local board of education to the Commissioner of Education and the KBE, which shall have the final authority for approval. The application for approval of the model is required to show evidence that it has been developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school and that two-thirds of the faculty have agreed to the model.

**Summary:** Adair County High School has requested and shown school support for the addition of one (1) non-voting student member. On November 10, 2017, the faculty voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model. The Adair County Board of Education chair signed a statement on December 4, 2017 supporting the alternative model.

**Budget Impact:** State funds are not impacted by the approval of this waiver request.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Parent representatives, student representatives, certified staff, and the principal were involved in the consultation process and the majority support the alternative structure.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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