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January 31, 2018

Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler, Board Chair
Kentucky Board of Education
300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: January 30, 2018 LSAC Meeting

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) met on January 30, 2018 to discuss the request for approval of the following regulations:

701 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need (KETS Master Plan (Second Reading, Action-discussion item)

LSAC conducted its second reading of the KETS Master Plan regulation. KDE staff discussed the regulation with LSAC members.

LSAC was supportive of the KETS Master Plan regulation, with no members voting against it.

703 KAR 5:191, Repeal of 703 KAR 5:190, Assistance to low-achieving schools and 703 KAR 5:260, Intervention in priority schools (Second Reading, Action-discussion item)

LSAC conducted its second reading of the repeal of assistance to low-achieving schools regulation and intervention in priority schools regulation. KDE staff discussed the regulation with LSAC members.

LSAC was supportive of the repeal of the regulations, with no members voting against it.

703 KAR 5:225, School and district accountability recognition, support and consequences (*Second reading, Action-discussion item*)

LSAC conducted its second reading of the School and district accountability recognition, support and consequences regulation. KDE staff discussed the regulation with LSAC members.

LSAC was supportive of the school and district accountability recognition, support and consequences regulation, with no members voting against approval.

703 KAR 5:280, School improvement procedures (*Second Reading, Action-discussion item*)

LSAC conducted its second reading of the school improvement procedures regulation. Staff pointed out that most of changes were technical in nature. KDE staff discussed the regulation with LSAC members.

One LSAC member asked if the governing board should be inserted after “Superintendent” to clarify their role in case the Superintendent, governing board and authorizer end up at odds. Staff shared that this situation could be settled when the charter comes up for renewal through the Commissioner’s decision whether to review or not. Clarity was requested on the definition of “other certified staff”, as well.

One member asked why SDBMs were not mentioned in the regulation. Staff clarified that SB 1 language removes the council, once schools are identified.

Several members asked questions about transition to new system. Staff explained that by utilizing 2017-18 data, a reset would occur to ensure a smooth transition.

Also, questions were asked about early modeling and the potential number of schools who may be involved with school improvement support. Several superintendents thought that more schools will be identified than resources can realistically support.

One LSAC member asked how many high schools were labeled as Title I. Staff promised to get this data and send to members. Data was provided at the end of the meeting.

Clarity was also requested about the fact that rules now apply to all schools and things that might have allowed school not to be identified before will not apply now.

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Following discussion, LSAC expressed support for the school improvement procedures regulation and voted unanimously to approve it.

The LSAC membership offers this letter of support and affirms KDE's recommendations for these regulations. The members of LSAC appreciate the opportunity to participate in the discussion and provide a local perspective on issues of concern to the Kentucky Board of Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Green", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jerry Green
LSAC Chair

cc: Kentucky Board of Education Members