

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Request for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) from Mount Sterling Elementary, Montgomery County Schools

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the alternative SBDM model requested by Mount Sterling Elementary.

Rationale:

To provide Mount Sterling Elementary the ability to implement a different structure for school-based decision making, specifically to include one (1) non-voting classified staff member. The alternative model requested by Mount Sterling Elementary 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 Mount Sterling Elementary?

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: Mount Sterling Elementary has requested and shown school support for the addition of one (1) non-voting classified staff member. On November 28, 2017, the faculty voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model. Subsequently, on February 27, 2018, the Montgomery County Board of Education unanimously approved the SBDM 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, certified staff, and school administration were involved in the consultation process and the majority support the alternative structure.

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