

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

2019 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education approve the 2019 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses.

Rationale:

To provide necessary revisions to the Kentucky Minimum Bus specifications to improve student safety. The Pupil Transportation Unit of the Division of District Support developed the recommended revisions during the February 2018 meetings of the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee, which is composed of district transportation professionals.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.153, 702 KAR 5:060

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The Kentucky Board of Education is required to approve the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses in accordance with 702 KAR 5:060, Section 2. The Division of District Support (DDS) annually reviews the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses and revises the specifications when experience, model changes, manufacturing techniques, and product improvement indicate that revision and updating is necessary. Attached is a summary of the proposed revisions and a detailed description of the changes. The 2019 Proposed School Bus Specifications is available at: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/trans/Pages/Buses.aspx>.

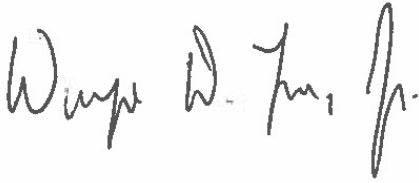
Summary: Attached is a draft of the revised Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications as well as a summary of the proposed revisions with a detailed description of the changes. Recommendations from the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee, which is composed of district transportation professionals, was used in drafting necessary updates to the specifications. Staff recommends the Board approve the 2019 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses.

Budget Impact: There is no impact to the Kentucky Department of Education's budget. Pricing for 2019 bus models is not yet available.

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Interim Commissioner of Education

Date:

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