

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

2018-2020 Biennial Budget Update

Rationale:

To update the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) on the final status of the 2018-2020 Biennial Budget.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS Chapter 48 and KRS 156.024

History/Background:

Existing Policy: It is the practice of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to inform and advise the KBE regarding the enacted biennial budget at the end of the legislative process.

Summary: The 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly has concluded. The enacted Executive Branch Biennial Budget provides funding for P-12 education, including KDE operations, for the next two fiscal years. A summary of the pertinent budget provisions appears as an attachment.

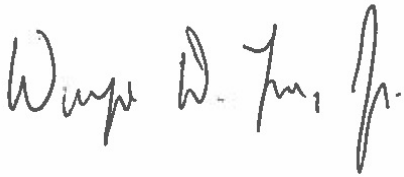
During the 2018 legislative session, the General Assembly enacted an Executive Branch Biennial Budget (HB 200), an amendment to the Biennial Budget (HB 265) and a revenue bill (HB 366). The enacted budget increases the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) per pupil base funding level from \$3,981 to \$4,000. It provides funding for 61% of the calculated costs of district pupil transportation expenses. It directs districts to reduce administrative costs and requires reporting of such expenditures to KDE and the Legislative Research Commission. Existing nickels (local tax levies for facility construction) were equalized and \$7 million was provided to districts suffering economic hardships due to severe declines in unmined mineral assessments. KDE was appropriated \$600,000 each fiscal year for the Kentucky Facilities Inventory and Classification System (KFICS) system to continue the implementation of the school facility condition and planning database. Flexibility for capital outlay was permitted for FY 2018-2019 but limited to 25 percent of a district's available capital funds with a requirement that the KBE adopt conforming guidelines. Overall, KDE's budget was reduced and funding for twenty-one programs was reduced and/or eliminated.

Budget Impact: The budget bill and the amendment as well as the revenue bill establish and fund the 2018-2020 Executive Branch Budget. These measures include an appropriation to KDE for the funding of P-12 education.

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