

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Applications requesting alternative models of school-based decision making (SBDM) from five schools in Daviess County Public Schools.

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the alternative SBDM models requested by the following five schools in Daviess County Public Schools:

1. Apollo High School,
2. Daviess County High School,
3. Highland Elementary School,
4. Meadow Lands Elementary School, and
5. Southern Oaks Elementary School.

Rationale:

To provide five schools in Daviess County Public Schools the ability to implement a different structure for SBDM that is consistent with all requirements listed in 701 KAR 5:100, Guidelines for alternative models for school-based decision making. Specifically:

1. Apollo High School has requested to include one (1) non-voting classified staff member and one (1) non-voting student member.
2. Daviess County High School has requested to include one (1) non-voting student member.
3. Highland Elementary School has requested to include one (1) non-voting classified staff member and to include the President of Highland Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization as a non-voting member.
4. Meadow Lands Elementary School has requested to include one (1) non-voting classified staff member and to include the President, or designee, of Meadow Lands Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization as a non-voting member.
5. Southern Oaks Elementary School has requested to include one (1) non-voting classified staff member.

Action Question(s):

Should the KBE approve the alternative SBDM model requested by:

1. Apollo High School,
2. Daviess County High School,
3. Highland Elementary School,
4. Meadow Lands Elementary School, and/or
5. Southern Oaks Elementary School?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 160.345(7) and 701 KAR 5:100.

History/Background:

Existing Policy: Pursuant to KRS 160.345(7), a school that chooses to have SBDM but would like to be exempt from the administrative structure set forth in statute may develop an alternative model and submit such through the local board of education to the Commissioner and KBE, which has final authority for approval. An application for an alternative model of SBDM is required by law 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: Five schools in Daviess County Public Schools have requested and shown required support for an alternative SBDM model. At the April 19, 2018 meeting of the Daviess County Board of Education, the five alternative SBDM models were placed on the Consent Agenda, which was passed by the local board with four “yea” votes and one vote to “abstain.” Additionally:

1. Apollo High School’s application requesting an alternative SBDM model that includes one (1) non-voting classified staff member and one (1) non-voting student member contains signatures representing administrators, certified staff, parents, and students. Further, on December 12, 2017, more than two-thirds of the faculty voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.
2. Daviess County High School’s application requesting an alternative SBDM model that includes one (1) non-voting student member contains signatures representing administrators, certified staff, parents, and students. Further, on December 12, 2017, more than two-thirds of the faculty voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.
3. Highland Elementary School’s application requesting an alternative SBDM model that includes one (1) non-voting classified staff member and the addition of the President of Highland Elementary’s Parent Teacher Organization as a non-voting member contains signatures representing administrators, certified staff, and

parents. Further, on January 9, 2018, the faculty unanimously voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.

4. Meadow Lands Elementary School's application requesting an alternative SBDM model that includes one (1) non-voting classified staff member and the addition of the President, or designee, of Meadow Lands Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization as a non-voting member contains signatures representing administrators, certified staff, and parents. Further, on January 9, 2018, the faculty unanimously voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.
5. Southern Oaks Elementary School's application requesting an alternative SBDM model that includes one (1) non-voting classified staff member contains signatures representing administrators, certified staff, and parents. Further, on March 27, 2018, the faculty unanimously voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.

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

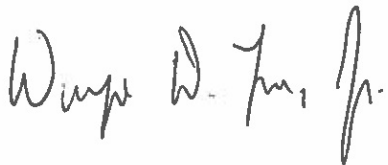
Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Each of the five applications requesting an alternative model of SBDM demonstrates representatives of the parents, certified personnel, administrators, and students, where appropriate, of the school were involved in the development process and verifies more than two-thirds of the faculty voted in favor of the SBDM alternative model.

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