

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

Status update on state management in the Breathitt County School District and the Menifee County School District.

### **Rationale:**

To report the status of the corrective action being taken in state-managed school districts to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785, and 703 KAR 3:205.

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** The background on current school districts in state management is as follows:

1. Breathitt County School District – On December 5, 2012, the KBE approved the Breathitt County School District as being designated a “state managed district.” On October 7, 2014, the KBE approved the final order to continue state management in Breathitt for another three (3) years.
2. Menifee County School District – On July 10, 2015, the KBE approved the Menifee County School District as being designated a state-managed district.

***Summary:*** Status updates are attached to this staff note relative to corrective action taken in each district since the June 2018 state board meeting.

The following dates indicate potential dates for state management to be terminated or extended by the KBE, pending the results of a new management audit:

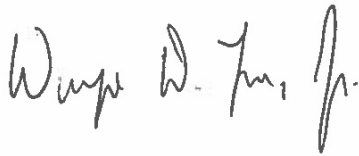
1. Breathitt County School District – In accordance with KRS 158.785 as well as with KRS 158.780 and 703 KAR 3:205, KDE began conducting a management audit in November 2017. This management audit is ongoing.
2. Menifee County School District – In accordance with KRS 158.785 as well as with KRS 158.780 and 703 KAR 3:205, KDE is expected to begin conducting a management audit in the fall of 2018.

**Budget Impact:** There is an ongoing fiscal impact on KDE, based upon the assignment of personnel and resources from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, to support the work in these districts. Resources also are assigned from the Office of Finance and Operations on an as needed basis. The estimated budget impact to KDE is approximately \$1.5 million annually in staffing related costs.

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