KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Status Update from Jefferson County Public Schools
Date: October 2018
Action Requested: ☒Review   ☐Action/Consent   ☐Action/Discussion

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To receive a status update from Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS).

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

JCPS began undergoing a management audit pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785, and 703 KAR 3:205 on April 17, 2017. Based upon the audit findings, the Interim Commissioner of Education recommended, on April 30, 2018, to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) that JCPS be placed in state management. Subsequently, on May 29, 2018, the Board of Education of JCPS voted to request a hearing on the Interim Commissioner's recommendation before the KBE. Thereafter, at a special meeting of the KBE held on August 29, 2018, the KBE voted to accept a settlement agreement in resolution of *Kentucky Department of Education v. Board of Education of Jefferson County*, Kentucky Administrative Action No. 2018-01.

Summary of Issue:

Pursuant to the settlement agreement that was accepted by the KBE on August 29, 2018, the Superintendent, or his designee, of JCPS is required to appear in person at every regular meeting of the KBE pending the results of a new management audit of JCPS, which will begin no earlier than September 15, 2020.

Budget Impact:

There is an ongoing fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), based upon the assignment of personnel and resources from across KDE, to assist with the development, implementation, and monitoring of the JCPS corrective action plan.
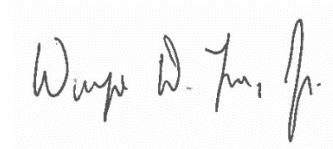
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