

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 2018-2019 Local District Working Budget

Date: December 5, 2018

Action Requested: ☐ Review ☒ Action/Consent ☐ Action/Discussion

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve the 2018-2019 Local District Working Budget in accordance with KRS 160.470(6)(b). KRS 160.470(6)(b) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to approve local district working budgets each year.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the 2018-2019 Local District Working Budget in accordance with KRS 160.470(6)(b). Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the proposed school district working budgets provided in the attached document are in compliance with KRS 160.470(6)(b).

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.470(6)(b)

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy: The KBE is required to approve the local district working budgets, if in conformity with KRS 160.470(6)(b). Additionally, HB 200 (2018) requires the KBE monitor the financial condition of any district with less than two percent contingency. HB 200 states:

Notwithstanding KRS 160.470(6) or any statute to the contrary, during fiscal year 2018-2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020 local school districts may adopt and the Kentucky Board of Education may approve a working budget that includes a minimum reserve less than two percent of the total budget. The Kentucky Department of Education shall monitor the financial position of any district that receives approval for a working budget with a reserve of less than two percent and shall provide a financial report for those districts at each meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education. (Pp. 159-160).

Summary of Issue: The Commissioner of Education certifies the local district working budgets are in accordance with 160.470(6)(b). Further, no district has reported less than a two percent (2%) contingency and therefore continuous reporting to the KBE is not required. Even though reporting per HB 200 is not required, KDE staff is available to provide technical assistance to any district that so requests.

Staff has provided the most current list of all 173 districts requesting approval of their contingency at the December meeting. Included for the board's information is a chart (attachment) showing each district's calculated contingency for fiscal year 2018-19.

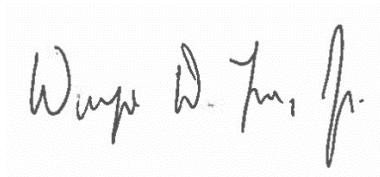
Budget Impact: There is no budget impact at the state level.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

KDE provides information and assistance to local school districts throughout the process.

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