

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Status Update from Jefferson County Public Schools

Date: February 2019

Action Requested: Review

Action/Consent

Action/Discussion

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

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 underwent a management audit pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785, and 703 KAR 3:205 beginning 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. On August 28, 2018, KDE and JCPS entered into a settlement agreement, related to *Kentucky Department of Education v. Board of Education of Jefferson County*, Kentucky Administrative Action No. 2018-01. KDE and JCPS filed an agreed order of dismissal with the hearing officer, who issued a Recommended Order of Dismissal with Prejudice on August 29, 2018. KBE adopted the hearing officer's recommendation later that day and issued its Final Order dismissing the case.

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 to provide a report to KBE at its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings" until 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 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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Commissioner of Education

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