

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: New District Facility Plans for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts

Date: April 10, 2019

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Assigned To: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 Finance Operations Management

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve new District Facility Plans (DFPs) for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed new DFPS for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the plans presented are in compliance with 702 KAR 4:180 and that the appropriate steps have occurred as follows: (1) Local Planning Committee (LPC) selection process documented; (2) review of proposed district facility plans for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan, and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for KBE approval.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 157.420 (4), KRS 157.622, KRS 157.620 and 702 KAR 4:180

BACKGROUND: Existing Policy: In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, each district must develop a local DFP at the completion of a four-year cycle or at the completion of an eight-year cycle (maximum) if the district applied for and was granted a waiver.

Summary of Issue: The facilities planning process provides a DFP that contains an assessment of the school district's attributes and operations including the district profile, demographic information, facility conditions, and finances (cost of delivery of services). Local school districts are required to select a LPC to develop a DFP outlining capital construction priorities.

Information reviewed in developing the DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of program and facility needs required to provide an equitable educational opportunity. KDE staff provides the process to be undertaken by the district in an orientation package. Information for KDE review is then developed by the LPC and its consultants.

The LPC, by virtue of its makeup, encourages both community involvement and diversity of ideas. The LPC recommends a DFP to the local board. If the local board does not approve the DFP, it goes back to the LPC for further refinement. However, a DFP submitted for approval by

the KBE is the final decision of the local board of education and may or may not reflect the determinations of the LPC.

The proposed submitted DFPs for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County were recommended by the LPCs and approved by the local boards of education. Attached with each district's facility plan and hearing report are enrollment projections and enrollment histories with non-resident student data for the district.

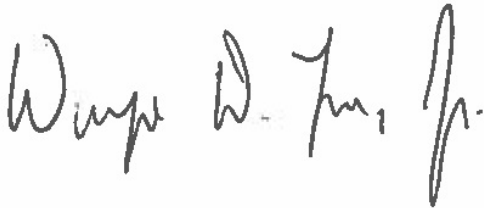
Budget Impact: Approval of these DFPs has no budget impact on state funds.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school districts with no significant issues noted. The plans were approved by the local planning committees and school boards of the districts.

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