

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Request from Fort Thomas Independent School District for Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060

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 take action on a request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District to waive 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District to waive the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2), to allow a one-time approval of certificated common carriers for the 2018-19 school year.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy: School districts may utilize appropriately certificated common carriers to transport students to or from school-related events. The use of a common carrier service shall be approved by the local board of education and the justification cited in the board minutes.

Summary of Issue: The Fort Thomas Independent School District makes an annual request to the KBE to waive 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2). This is the tenth annual waiver the district has requested. This allows the school board to have a one-time annual approval of all certificated common carriers to be used by the board for the entire school year. The district only owns three smaller school buses for use in transporting special needs students and for small trips, if available. It relies on procuring charter bus services for field trips and extra-curricular activities. The Fort Thomas Independent School District Board of Education approved making the request to the state board at its January 14, 2019 meeting. The district has requested a continuing waiver for the 2019-2020 school year and for each subsequent year. A copy of the letter of request is attached. The KBE previously approved a waiver for the 2018-19 school year at the April 11, 2018 meeting.

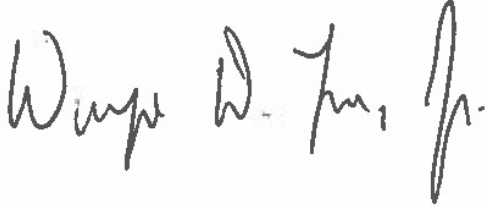
Budget Impact: There is no budget impact on state funds.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

No groups were consulted as this is an annual request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District that impacts no other school districts.

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