

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Request from Woodford County High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)

Date: April 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 Woodford County High School's request to implement an alternative school-based decision making (SBDM) council, specifically to include one non-voting student member on the SBDM.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the alternative SBDM model requested by Woodford County High School to be implemented beginning July 1, 2019.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.345, 701 KAR 5:080, 701 KAR 5:100

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy: KRS 160.345(7) permits a school to request exemption from the SBDM structure prescribed in statute and, instead, develop an alternative model for implementing a school council. To do so, a school is required to submit an application that includes a description of the membership, organization, duties and responsibilities of the alternative SBDM model through the local board of education, to the Commissioner of Education and the KBE, which shall have the final authority for approval. The application for the alternative SBDM model is also required to show evidence that it was developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and administrators of the school, and that two-thirds of the faculty have agreed to the model.

Summary of Issue: Consistent with all requirements listed in KRS 160.345, 701 KAR 5:080 and 701 KAR 5:100, Woodford County High School requested to add one non-voting student member to its SBDM council. On February 4, 2019, over 75 percent of the faculty voted in favor of this alternative model. Subsequently, on February 19, 2019, the Woodford County Board of Education reviewed the alternative SBDM model, and the chair of the local board signed the application, along with the school principal, district superintendent, and representatives of administrators, certified staff, parents and students at the school.

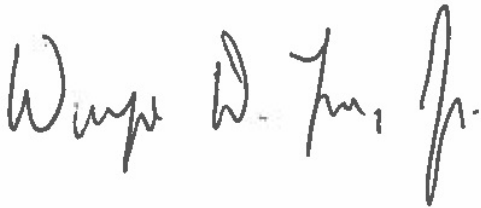
Budget Impact: State funds are not impacted by the approval of this waiver request.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

As required by KRS 160.345(7), this application for an alternative SBDM model was “developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school” and at least two-thirds of the faculty have agreed to the model.

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