

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Commissioner's Recommendation to Designate the Menifee County School District for State Assistance

**Date:** June 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 the Commissioner's recommendation that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) designate the Menifee County School District for state assistance.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE designate the Menifee County School District for state assistance to address a pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the governance and administration of the district that continues to exist.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:* KRS 158.780 and 158.785 require the KBE to establish a program for management improvement services for school districts that demonstrate a critical lack of efficiency or effectiveness in governance or administration that state-mandated corrective action or state control of the district is required. 703 KAR 3:205 establishes the management improvement program and describes the management audit process.

*Summary of Issue:* Beginning in September 2018, a KDE management audit team conducted a comprehensive management audit of the Menifee County School District. The audit team conducted 158 interviews with various stakeholders, including but not limited to the Advisory Board members, school-based decision making (SBDM) council members, district and school administrators, certified and classified staff, the state manager, and Education Recovery staff.

On April 12, 2019, the commissioner notified the Menifee County Board of Education in writing that, based upon the findings of a management audit and ongoing oversight of the district while under state management, he was recommending the state board designate the Menifee County School District for state assistance.

*Budget Impact:* The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) assigns personnel and resources from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support as well as the Office of

Finance and Operations to support the work in this school district. The estimated budget impact to the KDE is approximately \$500,000 annually in staffing related costs.

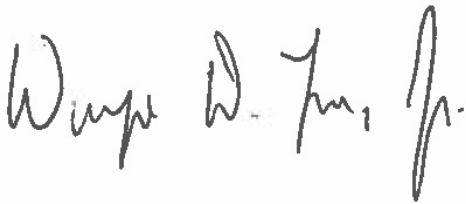
**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

On April 18, 2019, the Menifee County Board of Education voted in a public meeting to accept, and not contest, the recommendation that the district be designated for state assistance.

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