

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Voluntary Certification of Non-Public Schools

**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 request to certify the non-public schools that voluntarily applied and have been presented for certification by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KyNPSC).

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) accept the recommendations for voluntary certification of the non-public schools listed below that the KyNPSC ensures have successfully completed the accreditation process through a KBE-approved accrediting agency.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.160(3)

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:* KRS 156.160(3) provides that any “private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.” Since September 1992, the KBE has certified non-public schools by considering recommendations from the KyNPSC, who has assigned a project coordinator to carefully monitor the voluntary certification process. Specifically, the KyNPSC ensures the schools being presented for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process through one of the following KBE-approved accrediting agencies:

- The KyNPSC, Inc.
- American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) / AdvancEd
- Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (NLS)
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists (NAD)
- International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA)
- Association Montessori International (AMI)
- American Montessori Society (AMS)

- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPISA)

*Summary of Issue:* The KyNPSC presents the non-public schools listed below to be considered for voluntary certification by the KBE. The schools listed below have successfully completed the voluntary accreditation processes conducted by the KyNPSC or the accrediting associations approved by the KBE.

**The following schools are being presented for certification:**

**ONE year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:**

St. Joseph Elementary  
Ms. Sally Zeck  
2474 Lorraine Court  
Crescent Springs, KY 41017

Harvest Christian Academy  
73 Old Schoolhouse Rd., Box 398  
South Portsmouth, KY 41174

Heritage Academy  
Mr. Howard Davis  
7216 US 42  
Florence, KY 41042

Holy Trinity Elem. & Jr. High School  
Ms. Katie Jacobs  
840 Washington Avenue  
Newport, KY 41071

Prince of Peace Montessori School  
Ms. Kathy Handorf  
625 Pike Street  
Covington, KY 41011

**FIVE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:**

Immaculate Heart of Mary School  
Ms. Nancy Marcos  
5876 Veterans Way  
Burlington, KY 41005

St. Paul School  
Mr. Chris Reed  
1812 St. Paul Road  
Leitchfield, KY 42754

St. Thomas School  
Ms. Deborah Flamm  
428 South Ft. Thomas Avenue  
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

**FIVE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools:**

North Hardin Christian School  
Ms. A. Paige Hardin  
1298 Rogerville Road  
Radcliff, KY 40160

**ONE year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:**

Foundation Christian Academy P-10  
Mr. Chris Robison  
2480 Three Springs Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42104

**FOUR years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:**

St. Paul School  
Ms. Kemberly Markham  
7303 Dixie Highway  
Florence, KY 41042

**FIVE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:**

Ascension School  
Mr. Terrence Mullaney  
4600 Lynnbrook Drive  
Louisville, KY 40220

Bethlehem High School  
Mr. Tom Hamilton  
309 West Stephen Foster  
Bardstown, KY 40004

Danville Christian Academy  
Mr. James Ward  
2170 Shakertown Road  
Danville, KY 40422

Holy Cross District High School  
Mr. Mike Holtz  
3617 Church Street  
Covington, KY 41015

Holy Cross High School  
Ms. Jennifer Barz  
5144 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216

Holy Spirit School  
Ms. Doris Swenson  
322 Cannons Lane  
Louisville, KY 40206

Holy Trinity School  
Mr. Jack Richards  
423 Cherry Wood Road  
Louisville, KY 40207

John Paul II Academy  
Ms. Lynn Wilt  
3525 Goldsmith Lane  
Louisville, KY 40220

Lexington Universal Academy  
Ms. Basimah Shalash  
4580 Nicholasville Road  
Lexington, KY 40515

Our Lady of Lourdes School  
Mr. Jeff Beavin  
510 Breckenridge Lane  
Louisville, KY 40207

St. Albert the Great School  
Ms. Ellen Martin  
1395 Girard Drive  
Louisville, KY 40222

St. Andrew Academy Elementary  
Mr. Stuart Cripe  
7724 Columbine Drive  
Louisville, KY 40258

St. Athanasius School  
Ms. Margie Reece  
5915 Outer Loop Drive  
Louisville, KY 40219

St. Bernard School  
Mr. Fred Klausung  
7501 Tangelo Drive  
Louisville, KY 40228

St. Dominic School  
Ms. Pamela Breunig  
309 West Main Street  
Springfield, KY 40069

St. Francis DeSales High School  
Ms. Anastasia Quirk  
425 Kenwood Drive  
Louisville, KY 40214

St. Gabriel School  
Ms. Lara Krill  
5503 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40291

Notre Dame Academy Elementary  
Ms. Elaine Bachman  
1927 Lewiston Drive  
Louisville, KY 40216

St. Agnes School  
Ms. Julianna Daly  
1800 Newburg Road  
Louisville, KY 40205

St. Aloysius School  
Ms. Maryann Hayslip  
122 Mt. Mercy Drive  
Pewee Valley, KY 40056

St. Ann School  
Ms. Lois Cecil  
7500 Howardstown Road  
Howardstown, KY 40051

St. Augustine Parish School  
Mr. Paul Terrell  
236 South Spaulding Avenue  
Lebanon, KY 40033

St. Catherine Academy Elementary  
Ms. Jo Renee O'Bryan  
413 North First Street  
New Haven, KY 40051

St. Edward School  
Ms. Karen Loper  
9610 Sue Helen Drive  
Louisville, KY 40299

St. Francis of Assisi  
Mr. Steve Frommeyer  
1938 Alfresco Place  
Louisville, KY 40205

St. Gregory School  
Ms. Camille Boone  
350 Samuels Loop  
Cox's Creek, KY 40013

St. James School  
Sr. Marie Hannah Seiler  
401 Robinbrooke Blvd.  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

St. Joseph School  
Ms. Margaret Bowen  
320 West Stephen Foster Avenue  
Bardstown, KY 40004

St. Margaret Mary School  
Ms. Wendy Sims  
7813 Shelbyville Road  
Louisville, KY 40222

St. Mary Academy Elementary  
Ms. Lisa Kelly  
11311 St. Mary Lane  
Prospect, KY 40059

St. Nicholas Academy Elementary  
Ms. Kathy DeLozier  
5501 New Cut Road  
Louisville, KY 40214

St. Paul School  
Ms. Jennifer Burba  
6901 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40258

St. Rita School  
Mr. Neil Hulsewede  
8709 Preston Highway  
Louisville, KY 40219

St. James School  
Ms. Jennifer Zimmerman  
1818 Edenside Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40204

St. Leonard School  
Ms. Mary Parola  
440 Zorn Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206

St. Martha School  
Mr. Michael Bickett  
2825 Klondike Lane  
Louisville, KY 40218

St. Michael School  
Ms. Stacy Tackett  
3705 Stone Lakes Drive  
Louisville, KY 40299

St. Patrick School  
Mr. Nathan Sturtzel  
1000 North Beckley Station Road  
Louisville, KY 40245

St. Raphael the Archangel School  
Ms. Jill Tabor  
2131 Lancashire Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40205

St. Stephen Martyr School  
Ms. Bridget Britt  
2931 Pindell Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40217

**ONE year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:**

Summit Christian Academy K-12  
Ms. Karen Holtzclaw  
2780 Clays Mill Road  
Lexington, KY 40503

**THREE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:**

Christian Fellowship School  
Mr. Bill Rowley  
1343 US Highway 68 East  
Benton, KY 42025

**FIVE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:**

Somerset Christian School  
Mr. John Hale  
815 Grand Central Blvd.  
Somerset, KY 42240

**FIVE years (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States:**

University Heights Academy  
Ms. Beth Unfried  
1300 Academy Drive  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

*Budget Impact:* The certification of nonpublic schools has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education and requires no state funding.

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

The KyNPSC ensures the schools presented for certification have met the accrediting standards of the KyNPSC or one of the ten other KBE-approved accrediting agencies and are supported by the recommendation of the KyNPSC

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