

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Status Update from Jefferson County 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:

Status update from Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS).

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:* JCPS underwent a management audit pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205 beginning April 17, 2017. Based upon the audit findings, the then Interim Commissioner of Education recommended, on April 30, 2018, to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) that JCPS be placed in state management. Subsequently, on May 29, 2018, the JCPS Board of Education voted to request a hearing on the Interim Commissioner's recommendation before the KBE. On August 28, 2018, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and JCPS entered into a settlement agreement, related to *Kentucky Department of Education v. Board of Education of Jefferson County*, Kentucky Administrative Action No. 2018-01. The KDE and JCPS filed an agreed order of dismissal with the hearing officer, who issued a Recommended Order of Dismissal with Prejudice on August 29, 2018. The KBE adopted the hearing officer's recommendation later that day and issued its Final Order dismissing the case.

*Summary of Issue:* Pursuant to the settlement agreement that was accepted by the KBE on August 29, 2018, the Superintendent, or his designee, of JCPS is required to "appear in person to provide a report to the KBE at its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings" until the results of a new management audit of JCPS, which will begin no earlier than September 15, 2020.

*Budget Impact:* There is an ongoing fiscal impact to the KDE, based upon the assignment of personnel and resources from across the department, to assist with the development, implementation and monitoring of the JCPS corrective action plan.

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