KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Finance Operations Management				
Assigned To: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment				
Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion				
Date: August 2019				
Adoptions and Amendments				
Topic: Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Policy				

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review and approve the annual update to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends that the board approve the annual update to policies for the KSB and KSD. These policies provide for effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB and KSD. Policies for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session. These policies provide consistency between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

Summary of Issue:

A checklist reflecting which policies are being adopted or amended is attached along with each policy's updated language.

Budget Impact:

Possible fiscal impact includes printing applications; providing notice and accommodations; posting signs; training; and potential salary and benefit costs.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Staff at the KSB and KSD consulted with the KSBA. Also, the updated policies were included on the agenda of the July 30, 2019 meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the July 30, 2019 meeting of the LSAC is shared with the KBE prior to the August meeting.

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