

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Amendments to 703 KAR 5:140, Requirements for school and district report cards (First Reading)

**Date:** October 2019

**Action Requested:**  Review     Action/Consent     Action/Discussion

**Held In:**     Full Board     Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
                   Finance     Operations Management

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the proposed amendments to 703 KAR 5:140, *Requirements for school and district report cards*.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.031, KRS 158.6453 (17), 703 KAR 5:270, *Kentucky's accountability system* and 703 KAR 5:240, *Accountability administrative procedures and guidelines*

### BACKGROUND:

*Existing Policy:*

KRS 158.6453 (17) requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to promulgate an administrative regulation to define the implementation and components of a school and district report card that clearly communicates with parents and the public about school and district performance. This administrative regulation establishes the standards for a school and district report card.

Currently, this regulation covers: definitions, requirements for the school and district report cards, and data verification and publication.

*Summary of Issue:*

This administrative regulation is being amended to align with new state and federal requirements. A few areas of amendment include:

- defining membership, school and district report card, and prominent location;
- replacing reference of the old accountability regulation with reference to the new accountability regulation;
- updating requirements for the school report card;
- updating requirements for the district report card; and
- adding a new section on communication on federal and state school accountability classifications, to include star ratings.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

Amendments to 703 KAR 5:140 will have no impact on state funds. However, amendments to the regulation may impact school budgets. Schools may be responsible for printing and mailing costs associated with written notifications to parents and guardians, along with minimal costs associated with displaying accountability classifications in a prominent location. The Kentucky Department of Education will provide templates to districts as guidance for the letters and displays.

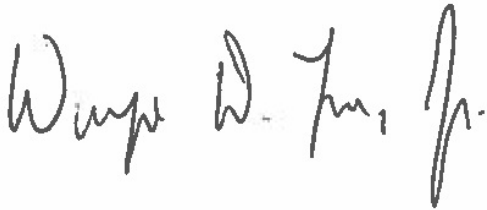
**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

The regulation will go before the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) at its September 24 meeting. In addition, the regulation will go before the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) at its September 17 meeting. Comments from these groups should be received prior to the October KBE meeting.

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