



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DRAFT – BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 REGULAR SESSION

The vision of the Kentucky Board of Education is to ensure that each and every student is empowered and equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to pursue a successful future. The board’s vision is informed by a changing economy that requires elementary and secondary schools to prepare students for a more complex and competitive workplace.

Statement of Support

In 1989, *Rose v. Council for Better Education*, Kentucky’s Supreme Court declared that education was a fundamental right under the state constitution and that the General Assembly must satisfy the constitutional requirement to provide for an “adequate, equal and substantially uniform educational system and may not rely on local tax dollars as a substitute for their obligation to properly fund education”. The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) supports the Governor and the General Assembly in their efforts to determine revenue options that provide adequate and equitable resources dedicated to improving educational opportunities and academic achievement in the Commonwealth.

Legislative and Policy Initiatives

Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB)

The KBE supports ratification of the executive order reorganizing the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB) within the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). The new Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness was created to handle the agency’s duties and tasks and administers the board.

Full-Day Kindergarten

The KBE supports moving the state from half-day kindergarten to full-day kindergarten. Currently, the General Assembly funds half-day kindergarten. While a majority of local school districts provide full-day programs as well, local boards of education must provide the additional funding for full-day programs.

Career and Technical Education

The KBE supports additional funding for Local Area Vocational Education Centers (LAVECs) to fund new centers and career pathway offerings within these existing centers. The KBE also supports additional funding to address a variety of operational needs associated with the state-funded area technology centers, including areas such as utilities, supplies, equipment and software upgrades, and the implementation of the established salary schedule. Funds also are necessary to address the requirement set forth in KRS 158.6455(1)(d) that mandates the KDE to pay for the cost of assessments associated with industry certifications, credentials and licensures.

School Facilities

The KBE supports improving aspects of the facility approval process, including streamlining local district’s compliance efforts to meet the requirements of the School Safety and Resiliency Act (Senate Bill 1, 2019) and updating the water bottle filling station provisions.

Charter School Training

The KBE supports amending regulation 701 KAR 8:020 to require training for local school board members on charter school authorization only when a local education agency receives an application to establish a charter school.



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Biennial Budget Priorities

Budget and policy priorities are tied to the strategic goals developed by the board and the department. After receiving the Governor’s recommended budget, the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly will craft the 2020-2022 biennial budget for the Commonwealth. The primary focus in the upcoming session is to maintain funding levels that have not been impacted by budget reductions and to increase and restore funding levels for several critical programs, including School Improvement Funds; the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD); Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Transportation; and Learning and Results Services (LARS) programs such as instructional materials.

Request	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Defined Calculations		\$32,296,700	\$68,181,100
Vacant Positions		\$12,736,900	\$12,932,700
School District Health Insurance Shortfall	\$17,200,000		
School Improvement Funds		\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000
KY School for the Blind/KY School for the Deaf		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Career and Technical Education		\$16,657,000	\$17,659,100
KY Education Technology System (KETS)		\$14,600,000	\$14,600,000
New Teacher Induction and New Superintendent Training		\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
National Board Certified Salary Supplement		\$1,850,000	\$1,905,500
Full-day Kindergarten		\$140,000,000	\$140,000,000
Instructional Materials/Textbooks		\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
SEEK Base (2%)		\$60,295,100	\$60,295,100
Implementation of Academic Standards		\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
State Funded Preschool		\$13,132,100	\$13,132,100
Professional Development		\$11,927,700	\$11,927,700
Grade 10 ACT Testing		\$1,785,000	\$1,836,000
Test Security		\$500,000	\$500,000
Preschool Regional Training Centers		\$950,000	\$950,000
Innovation Funds		\$100,000	\$100,000
Education Finance Application		\$500,000	\$3,500,000
SEEK Transportation		\$162,191,600	\$162,191,600
School Climate and Safety Surveys		\$250,000	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$17,200,000	\$506,872,100	\$547,060,900