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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

02/20/2020

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and the Kenton County Schools District (KCSD) for EKU student teachers and practicum students to perform clinical experiences in KCSD schools during the 2020-21 school year.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

03.3 Student Teachers

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

The Kenton County School District and Eastern Kentucky University have long partnered in order for students of EKU's College of Education to serve as student teachers and practicum students within our District. Not only will the continued partnership grow the education profession, it will serve as a first-hand recruiting tool for administrators who have the opportunity to observe the potential of the student teachers while under their supervision.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

\$0 – no fiscal or budgetary impact to the District

**RECOMMENDATION:**

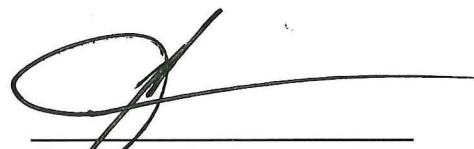
It is recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and the Kenton County Schools District (KCSD) for EKU student teachers and practicum students to perform clinical experiences in KCSD schools during the 2020-21 school year

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Matt Rigg, Executive Director Human Resources

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Principal

  
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District Administrator

  
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Superintendent

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*Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.*

**Kenton County Board of Education**

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"The Kenton County Board of Education provides Equal Education & Employment Opportunities."

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
Kenton COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND  
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
2020-2021

This agreement made at Richmond, Kentucky this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020 between the Board of Education of Kenton County hereinafter called the "Board," and Eastern Kentucky University, hereinafter called the "University."

WITNESSETH:

1. The University and the Board, under the provision of KRS 161.042 and pursuant to State Board of Education regulations, is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with universities/colleges for the purpose of providing professional laboratory experiences and student teacher experiences for the educational profession.
2. The Board and the University accept the joint responsibility to train qualified teachers.
3. The Board and the University agree that all arrangements in reference to this program shall be governed and consistent with policies of the Board, as well as those of the University/College.
4. A "student teacher" is a student from Eastern Kentucky University, having met all eligibility requirements set by the Eastern Kentucky University College of Education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky for student teaching, who teaches in a school in Kentucky under the supervision of a cooperating teacher (KRS 161.042).
5. A "cooperating teacher" means a teacher employed in a school in Kentucky who is contracting with a teacher education institution to supervise a student teacher for the purposes of fulfilling the student teaching requirement of the approved teacher preparation program (KRS 161.042).
6. As provided in KRS 161.042(3), the student teachers placed in the Board of Education of Kenton County, Kentucky Public Schools shall agree to abide by all policies, rules and regulations of the University and the Board potentially included which shall be provided to the student teacher. Failure to abide by this provision shall be grounds for removal from the program. It shall be the responsibility of the University to inform all prospective student teachers of this provision and secure agreement from the student teacher.
  - (a) It shall be the responsibility of the University to provide confidentiality training to all student teachers placed in the Board of Education of Kenton County Schools pursuant to this agreement.
  - (b) Pursuant to KRS 161.042(2), all student teachers shall be subject to state and national criminal records checks required of certified employees under the provisions of KRS 160.380. All student teachers shall make application for such criminal records checks at the Board of Education of \_\_\_\_\_ County Schools and shall pay such fee as is required of certified hires.
  - (c) KRS 160.151 requires an application for a certified or classified position (including student teachers) to be presented to the Board of Education of Kenton County Schools the Central

Registry Check (Form DPP-156) from the Cabinet for Health and Family Service (CFHS) stating the person is clear to hire and has no findings of substantiated child abuse or neglect.

7. The Board, through its staff, shall make assignments of student teachers subject to its limitations and in accordance with its philosophy of teacher education. Nothing in this agreement shall preclude the Board from exercising its right to remove from its classrooms student teachers who, in the judgement of its staff, have an adverse influence on the welfare of pupils, detract from the total school program, or do not contribute to the advancement of the educational profession. The University assumes the responsibility for attempting to replace the student teacher in another school system if such is necessary or required and that this student teacher agreement is not to be construed as a third party beneficiary contract for the benefit of any student teacher who may be an applicant for student teaching in the Board of Education of Kenton County, Kentucky Public Schools.
8. The Board shall submit to the University upon request a list of properly qualified and certified teachers from within the Board of Education of Kenton County, Kentucky Public Schools under whose direct supervision the student will teach. In preparing the list, such criteria as academic and professional backgrounds, personal qualities and professional attitudes, relationships with pupils and colleagues, and the ability to successfully direct the learning process shall be used.
9. Cooperating teachers shall have the responsibility to provide student teachers placed under their supervision with appropriate experiences outlined in information provided to the cooperating teachers by Eastern Kentucky University.
10. Cooperating teachers will have met eligibility requirements as outlined in KRS 161.042.
11. The cooperating teacher shall have the responsibility to provide the student teacher placed under their supervision with proper experience and counsel in planning and presenting effective learning experiences for pupils. A written report to the University, concerning the progress and accomplishments of the student teacher shall be made by the cooperating teacher, along with a recommended grade. Final grade assignments are ultimately the responsibility of the University supervisor.
12. The University shall designate one (1) representative to serve as a liaison between it and the Board. That person, as a representative of the University, shall have access to all Board staff and schools necessary to properly facilitate communication and relationships between the Board staff as designated by the Superintendent, cooperating teacher, and the student teacher.
13. For direct supervision of the student teacher (s) in a single 16 week placement, the cooperating teacher will receive a stipend of \$ 120.00 within the 16 week placement. In the case of dual placements, the cooperating teacher shall receive a stipend of \$ 60.00 within the 8 week placement from the University.
14. Cooperating teachers who supervise ECU student teachers may be eligible for an additional compensation from the Commonwealth under KRS 161.042.
15. The University and the Board agree not to discriminate in recruitment or employment, development, advancement, and treatment of their employees on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, national origin, race, sex, or veteran status.

16. No student shall be denied equal educational opportunities by the University because of his or her age, color, creed, disability, national origin, race, sex, or veteran status.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the parties that this agreement commences on July 1, 2020 and supersedes all previous contracts between the parties. This agreement will automatically renew at the end of each year unless either party gives the other written notice of termination at least 30 days prior to the end of the relevant term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the parties to this agreement, have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

Kenton County Board of Education

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Board Chairperson)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dean, EKV College of Education)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director, Professional Education Services)  
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