

# THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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#### KCSD ISSUE PAPER

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# **AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve: Special Education summer Extended School Year(ESY) program to run from July 6, 2020 to July 24, 2020 at Ft. Wright Elementary or virtually through an online platform.

# **APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.11General Powers and Duties of the Board

#### HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Each year, eligible special education students are provided the opportunity to participate in KCSD's Extended School Year program. The purpose of the program is to address specific goals and objectives in which significant regression and lack of recoupment have occurred or are likely to occur without the continuation of services. ARC teams review special education student information and data annually to not only make this determination, but to also determine the number of days the service will be provided. The number of students who attend each year varies, however, last year 64 students participated in the program. This year, 80 students are expected to participate. The ESY program location is selected based upon facility availability, input from transportation, and access to summer lunch program. If restrictions for social distancing are still in place in July 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual program will be offered during the same weeks to meet the needs of the students who qualify.

### FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

ESY Traditional Program: The traditional program will be held at Fort Wright. The number of hours per day and the number of days the student participates in ESY will be determined by the ARC. Transportation is provided. The program is staffed with certified teachers, a school nurse, part-time SLP, and instructional assistants. The hourly rate for certified teachers is \$33 per hour. Instructional assistants are paid at individual hourly rates. Transportation cost for the 2019 program was approximately \$32,000. The transportation cost is expected to be similar for 2020. Basic supplies were also provided for the program. The total estimated cost of the 2020 ESY Traditional Program, based on 80 students, is \$115,000.

ESY Virtual Program: Students who qualify for ESY will receive services virtually, if the traditional program is not an option due to COVID-19. Virtual ESY will be structured with students completing lessons at home focusing on the eligible goals and objectives. Teachers will identify with parent(s) the preferred mode of support with the student through teleconferencing session/phone/email and how support will be offered: scheduled time daily/every other day/as needed. This information will be used to develop a daily schedule for student contact and support for instruction. The number of certified teachers, speech therapist services, and the hours per week for each staff member will be determined based on student need. Pay will be based on an hourly rate of \$33 per hour for certified teachers. Basic

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supplies for individual work tasks and online subscriptions for programs/apps is estimated at \$2500. Total estimated cost of an ESY Virtual Program for 80 students will not exceed \$35,000.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval for the Special Education summer Extended School Year(ESY) program to run from July 6, 2020 to July 24, 2020 at Ft. Wright Elementary or virtually through an online platform.

**CONTACT PERSON:** 

Marta Scott, Director of Special Education

Principal

District Administrator

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