

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Status Update from Jefferson County Public Schools

**Date:** June 2020

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

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

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

Status update from Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS).

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

JCPS underwent a management audit pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785, and 703 KAR 3:205 beginning April 17, 2017. Based upon the audit findings, on April 30, 2018 Interim Commissioner of Education Wayne Lewis recommended to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) that JCPS be placed in state management. Subsequently, on May 29, 2018, the JCPS Board of Education voted to request a hearing on Interim Commissioner Lewis's recommendation before the KBE. On August 28, 2018, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and JCPS entered into a settlement agreement, related to *Kentucky Department of Education v. Board of Education of Jefferson County*, Kentucky Administrative Action No. 2018-01. The KDE and JCPS filed an agreed order of dismissal with the hearing officer, who issued a Recommended Order of Dismissal with Prejudice on August 29, 2018. The KBE adopted the hearing officer's recommendation later that day and issued its Final Order dismissing the case.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

Pursuant to the settlement agreement that was accepted by the KBE on August 29, 2018, the Superintendent, or his designee, of JCPS is required to "appear in person to provide a report to the KBE at its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings" until the results of a new management audit of JCPS, which will begin no earlier than September 15, 2020.

#### *Budget Impact:*

There is an ongoing fiscal impact to the KDE, based upon the assignment of personnel and resources from across the department, to assist with the development, implementation, and monitoring of the JCPS corrective action plan.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

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**Associate Commissioner**

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