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**Action/Discussion Item:** To establish five temporary special needs para educator positions for the 2020-21 school year.

**Applicable Statutes or Regulations:** KRS 162.90 Powers and Duties of the Local Board of Education. 707 KAR 1:320 Individual Education Programs, Section 5.

**Background and major Policy Implications:** Each year children ages 3-5 are not accepted into the early childhood program until June or July. Also, during the summer and throughout the year older students, with Individual Education Plans, often return from home school instruction, or transfer into the district. Allocations are already completed at this time and some of those students have existing IEP's requiring the support of a para educator.

A temporary para educator position, would allow for a substitute to work with the student until the school could evaluate the students' needs based upon existing programs and current staff. Sufficient time would be available for the admission and release committee (ARC) to convene and develop an IEP for the student. If it is deemed necessary to have an additional para educator, the Director of District Wide Services would report this need to the board of education and make the recommendation via issue paper as soon as possible.

**Fiscal Budgetary Impact:** Approximately \$61.25 per day per para educator. General Fund would cover the expense.

**Alternatives:** None proposed. These actions are necessary to provide an appropriate instructional program for students with special needs, to remain in compliance with Kentucky Administrative Regulations, and to ensure all students in the classes involved an appropriate educational environment.

**Recommended Action:** Establish five temporary special education positions for the 2020-21 school year.

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