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Floyd County Board Of Education Issue Paper

<u>Action/Discussion Item:</u> Consider and approve all present and future Health Assistant position as Itinerant.

Applicable Statutes or Regulation: KRS 162.90 Powers and duties of the local board.

Issue/History/Background: Due to the growing number of students with unique health related needs and the increasing number of health office visits due to illness outbreaks it has become necessary to insure that health offices can be covered by a rotation of trained health assistants if needed. Health assistants provide consistent medical care to all students. The rotation of health assistants into offices across the district as needed will allow for coverage should a health assistant be absent for illness or family emergencies. Presently health assistants are trained to provide services at each location fluently so that services are consistent. The present health assistant positions would be changed to itinerant and any future hires would be posted as itinerant. Health assistants will remain at their assigned location unless it becomes necessary to rotate them. The option of rotating to other schools throughout the district will be at the discretion of the District Health Coordinator. The duration of the rotation will be based upon the length of time the staff member will be absent from their location. All health offices will be staffed when district schools are in session.

Budget/Financial Issues: Travel for a health assistant that is rotating to a school to which they are not assigned will be paid as follows: Current mileage reimbursement rate from the school to which they are assigned to the reassignment location.

Alternative: There is not an alternative solution for coverage due to the fulltime placement of health assistants and continuous work flow at all district schools.

Recommended Action: Adopt as recommended.

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