

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf Policy Adoptions and Amendments

**Date:** August 2020

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

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

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review and approve the annual update to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the board approve the annual update to policies for the KSB and KSD. These policies provide for the effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB and the KSD. Policies for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session, as well as changes to applicable regulations during the past year. These policies provide consistency between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

A checklist reflecting which policies are being adopted or amended is attached along with each policy's updated language.

#### *Budget Impact:*

Possible fiscal impact includes printing new applications, clearinghouse checks and new ID badges.

## GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

KSB administrative staff and Advisory Council members were consulted and did not recommend any additional changes to the proposed policy amendments. KSD administrative staff, directors and the Advisory Council chair were consulted. One individual recommended adding specific training to be required as professional development for staff. KDE staff reviewed the recommendation and determined the change was not necessary because staff professional development needs should be left to the discretion of school administration. Also, the updated policies were included on the agenda of the July 28, 2020 meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the July 28, 2020 LSAC meeting will be shared with the KBE prior to the August meeting.

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