

January 1999

APPLICATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL
FOR SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING

SCHOOL: J.M. Atherton High School
ADDRESS: 3000 Dundee Rd
Louisville, Ky 40205

THROUGH THE Jefferson County Board of Education

I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTIONS

A school that chooses to implement school-based decision making by fulfilling the requirements set forth in Section 14, subsection 5 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990, but would like to be exempt from the administrative structure set forth by Section 14, subsection 2(a) of the same Act, may develop an alternative model as permitted by subsection 7.

Subsection 7 sets forth steps that must be observed to qualify for an exemption. The steps are quoted in the Act and are as follows:

- STEP 1:** The model must include, but not limited to, a description of membership, organization, duties, and responsibilities of a school council.
- STEP 2:** The school shall submit the model by application through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education for approval.
- STEP 3:** The application for approval of the model shall show evidence that it has been developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school and that two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty have agreed to the alternative model.

A school cannot officially function as a school-based decision making school as identified in Section 14 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 unless one of the following actions has taken place:

1. Two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty has voted to implement school-based decision making and the administrative structure set forth in Section 14, subsection 2(a) has been chosen and enacted.
2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty has voted to implement school-based decision making and the school has developed and submitted an alternative model through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education for approval, and this approval has been received by the school, or
3. The school has implemented school-based decision making under the provisions included in item 1 until steps in item 2 are completed.

Once the school's alternative model has been approved by the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education, all members of the new administrative structure must be elected as prescribed by Section 14. That is, the teacher representatives "shall be elected ... by majority of the teachers," and the parent members shall be elected by the parent members of the parent-teacher organization of the school or, if none exists, the largest organization of parents formed for this purpose." The school must return evidence of election results to the Secretary of the State Board not more than 30 days after approval by the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education.

II. APPLICANT

NAME OF SCHOOL J.M. Atherton High School

requests approval to implement an alternative model for school-based decision making. As required by the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990, Section 14, subsection 5, two-thirds of the faculty of this school voted on 11/18/2020 to implement school-based decision making. In addition, two-thirds of the faculty voted on 11/18/2020 to agree to the model herein described and therefore, state their wish to be exempt from the administrative structure provided in the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 in order to enact the alternative model for school-based decision making described on page 3 of this application.

To show evidence that the model has been developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school, the representatives affix their signatures below.

Parent Representatives (s):

Julie Greer Anderson
Shannon Fauver
Sabina Sisic-Morris
Brian Smith

Student Representative(s):

Damon Duvall
Gavin Alfan
Sydney Reynolds
Sydney Calvin

Certified Representative(s):

Sandra Forster-Terrell
Matthew Rhinehart
Anetria Swanson
Michael Klumper

Administrative Representative(s):

Thomas Aberli, Principal
Theresa Beckley, Assistant Principal

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERNATIVE MODEL

This application for an alternative model must contain a description of the membership, organization, duties and responsibilities of a school council as required by Section 14, subsection 7 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990. Other information pertaining to the alternative model may also be included. Attach additional sheets of description as needed to provide a complete description.

Proposal for alternative model- Student Representatives on Council. Revision to current alternative model to increase from two (2) to four (4) student representatives.

Revision to current procedures include the designation of the representatives to be the presidents of the senior class, junior class, sophomore class and the Black Student Union or the president's designee if the president is ineligible or unable to fulfill the commitment of the Student Representative on Council.

The alternative model recommendation is to include the following in Council bylaws:

MEMBERSHIP

Student Representatives on Council

At the discretion of the Council, four members of the student body may be allowed to participate in Council discussions. These students may contribute to Council discussions conducted in open forum and subcommittees; however, these students will not participate in final consensus decision making nor participate in matters regarded as confidential by policy or law.

The student representatives on Council will be the presidents of the senior class, junior class, sophomore class and the Black Student Union. The presidents of these groups may choose to designate another officer from that group if the president is ineligible or unable to fulfill the commitment of the Student Representative on Council.

The Student Representative on Council cannot be related to current Council members and terms expire upon the election of new student officers by each group. For the protection and conservation of the legal responsibilities of the Council, students selected for this position may be restricted from participation in Council discussions and/or removed from this position at any time by the Council's Chairperson **and the position will remain vacant until a new president is elected.**

IV.. VOTING VALIDATION

To validate the two-thirds (2/3) faculty vote for implementing school-based decision making through an alternative model, please complete the following:

Date of Vote _____ 11/18/2020 _____

Number of Faculty of School _____ 82 _____

Number of Faculty Who Voted in
Favor of the SBDM Alternative Model _____ 70 _____

Number of Faculty Who Voted
Against SBDM Alternative Model _____ 3 _____

Percentage of Faculty Who vote in
Favor of the SBDM Alternative Model _____ 87.5 _____

On 11/20/2020 this application was forwarded through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the Kentucky Board of Education for approval.

[Signature] _____ 11/20/2020
Signature of School Principal Date

videconference digital approval Michael Klumper, SBDM _____ 11/20/2020
Signature of Teacher Representative Date

videconference digital approval Joy Jacobs-Lawson, President PTSSO _____ 11/20/2020
Signature of Authorized Representative of Parents' Organization of the School Date

Signature of Board Chairperson Date

VERIFICATION OF APPROVAL

Chief State School Officer:

Date Received _____

Date of Approval _____

Signature of CSSO _____

Kentucky Board of Education:

Date Received _____

Date of Approval _____

Signature of Chairman _____

Notification given to local board _____ and to applicant school _____