

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Approval of New District Facility Plans: Leslie County, Martin County, Owen County and Russellville Independent School Districts

**Date:** February 2021

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

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

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve the new District Facility Plans (DFPs) for the Leslie County, Martin County, Owen County and Russellville Independent School Districts in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Specifically, Section 1 of 702 KAR 4:180 states “The Kentucky Board of Education shall approve the District Facilities Plan submitted by the district upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education.”

### COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the proposed new DFPs for the Leslie County, Martin County, Owen County and Russellville Independent School Districts in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the plans presented are in compliance with 702 KAR 4:180 and the appropriate steps have occurred as follows: (1) Local Planning Committee (LPC) selection process documented; (2) review of proposed district facility plans for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan, and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approval.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 157.420 (4), KRS 157.622, KRS 157.620, 702 KAR 4:180

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, each district must develop a local DFP at the completion of a four-year cycle or eight-year cycle (maximum) if the district applied for, and was granted, a waiver.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

The facilities planning process provides a DFP that contains an assessment of the school district’s attributes and operations including the district profile, demographic information, facility conditions and finances (cost of delivery of services). Local school districts are required to select a LPC to develop a DFP outlining capital construction priorities.

Information reviewed in developing the DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of program and facility needs required to provide an equitable educational opportunity. KDE staff provides the process to be undertaken by the district in an orientation package. Information for KDE review then is developed by the LPC and its consultants.

The LPC, by virtue of its makeup, encourages both community involvement and diversity of ideas. The LPC recommends a DFP to the local board. If the local board does not approve the DFP, it goes back to the LPC for further refinement. However, a DFP submitted for approval by the KBE is the final decision of the local board of education and may or may not reflect the determinations of the LPC.

The proposed submitted DFPs for the Leslie County, Martin County, Owen County and Russellville Independent School Districts were recommended by the LPC and approved by the local board of education. Attached with the district's facility plan and hearing report are enrollment projections and histories with non-resident student data for the district.

*Budget Impact:*

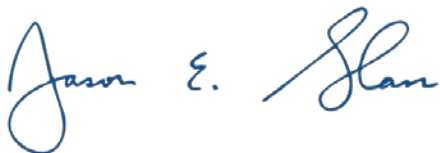
There is no impact on KDE funds related to the approval of the DFPs.

**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school districts with no significant issues noted. The plans were approved by the local planning committees and school boards of the districts.

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