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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

July 25, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Thomas More College for the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership, including a course specific to intern teachers.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

10.3- Relationships with other Organizations

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

As the formal Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) was dissolved across the Commonwealth, we value the experiences and continued learning that is crucial for new teachers to be successful. Likewise, we believe in growing our own future leaders for the Kenton County School District and recognize a need to collaborate with Thomas More College through their Master of Education in Teacher Leadership Program as a means to do both. District Leadership will teach a cohort of these aspiring teacher leaders as they learn the standards associated with this specific TMC accredited Master of Education program.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

\$0.00 required at the district level

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenton County School District and Thomas More College for the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership, including a course specific to intern teachers.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Malina Owens

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Principal

  
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District Administrator

  
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Superintendent

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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between Thomas More College and**

**Kenton County School District**

### **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

#### **Kenton County Thomas More College Collaboration with Teacher Leader Master's Degree**

This agreement is entered into by the Board of Education of the Kenton County School District and Thomas More College Education Department, Crestview Hills, KY.

This memorandum describes the programs and services available to the below noted education agency through the Graduate Education Department at Thomas More College.

The Following Services are available to the **Kenton County School District**:

1. **Master of Education in Teacher Leadership Program:** Kenton County School District will collaborate with the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership Program candidates, the Director of the Education Graduate Program, and the Department Chair to provide mentoring connections and on-site job embedded professional growth opportunities to be determined by the district, the candidate, the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership Program faculty, and in cooperation with the education agency.
2. **Specific Provisions of the Program:**
  - Kenton County School District agrees to offer the Teacher Leader's Master Program exclusively through Thomas More College,
  - Kenton County teachers will advance through Thomas More College's Teacher Leader degree cycle in a cohort model specifically designed for Kenton County Teachers and the Kenton County School District,
  - This collaboration will be based on a support and a co-teaching model between Kenton County Central Office, the Thomas More College Education Department, and Thomas More Education Faculty,
  - Thomas More College/Kenton County Teacher Leader Master Goals:
    - gather data that supports continuing teacher education
      - particularly as it supports student learning
    - work to support teacher retention within the district
    - build a learning community that bridges K-12 and higher education through professional learning communities and co-constructed professional development opportunities

Thomas More College Teacher Leader Master's Course Cycle:  
EDM 632:

- Offered at Kenton County for all new teachers
- 8 weeks in fall (every other week)
- 8 weeks in spring (every other week)
- Graduate credit earned IF matriculate into MEd (within 3 years)
- Course runs 1 school year to replace mentorship of KTIP
  - Data to be collected to replace KTIP data to support both K-12 and Teacher Leader ideas
- Taught by superintendent (no adjunct fee)
  - Some classes at will have to meet at TMC in order to be SACS compliant

Additional classes will run in 8 week modules, with the first to take place mid-October. Two courses will run in the spring (8 week modules). Summer will run three 5 week courses and in fall will return to 8 week courses.

Suggested order:

- EDM611 (Diversity)-Fall
- EDM 612 (Standards and Reform)-Spring
- EDM 631 (Assessment and Curriculum)-Spring
- EDM 621 (Ed Change and Effectiveness)-Summer
- EDM 622 (Intro to Research)-Summer
- EDM 634 (Content Media Literacy)-Summer
- EDM 633 (Action Research)-Fall
- EDM 651 (Tech 1)-Fall
- EDM 652 (Tech 2)-Spring
- EDM 701 (Capstone)-Spring

**3. Financial Provisions of this program:**

- Course tuition and fees: \$1550 per course,
- Courses of 10+ will be exclusive to Kenton County teachers to support district-specific issues and teacher retention within the district (i.e. assessment data specific to Kenton County district and individual classrooms in order to support a holistic view of assessment within the district),
- Kenton County District and TMC will agree on a process to enroll teachers for EDM 632 by August 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 to establish the program, and establish a registration process by mid September to enroll at least 10 teachers into the program to begin EDM 611 (enrollment and registration for spring courses will take place in late October and early February),
- Thomas More College agrees to grant credit for EDM 632 (Fall & Spring) upon student matriculating into TMC Teacher Leader Master's Program,
- Kenton County School District agrees that district personnel teaching courses will not be compensated by Thomas More College,
- Kenton County School District (along with Thomas More College) will promote and incentivize students to continue with TMC for Rank I and additional certifications,
- Some courses may be open to other graduate students.

Entered into this day, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Superintendent

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Director of Education Graduate Programs  
Thomas More College