

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Approval of Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Applications

Date: April 2020

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

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

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on two SBDM alternative model applications. Atherton High School requests to amend their current alternative SBDM model to increase the number of non-voting student representatives from two (2) to four (4). LaRue County High School requests to implement a new SBDM alternative model that adds one non-voting student member to the council. KRS 160.345(7) gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) final authority for approving alternative SBDM models.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE approve the alternative SBDM models requested by Atherton High School and LaRue County High School to be implemented beginning July 1, 2021.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.345, 701 KAR 5:080, and 701 KAR 5:100.

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 160.345(7) permits a school to request exemption from the SBDM structure prescribed in statute and, instead, develop an alternative model for implementing a school council. To do so, a school is required to submit an application that includes a description of the membership, organization, duties and responsibilities of the alternative SBDM model through the local board of education, to the Commissioner of Education and the KBE, which shall have the final authority for approval. The application for the alternative SBDM model is also required to show evidence that it was developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel and administrators of the school, and that two-thirds of the faculty have agreed to the model.

Summary of Issue:

Consistent with all requirements listed in KRS 160.345, 701 KAR 5:080 and 701 KAR 5:100, the following applications for SBDM alternative models have been received.

Atherton High School requests to amend their current alternative model to increase the number of non-voting student representatives from two (2) to four (4). On November 18, 2020, two-

thirds of the faculty voted in favor of this alternative model. Subsequently, on November 20, 2020, the Jefferson County Board of Education reviewed the alternative SBDM model, and the chair of the local board signed the application, along with the school principal, district superintendent, and representatives of administrators, certified staff and parents of students at the school.

LaRue County High School requests to implement an alternative model to add a non-voting student member to the council. On January 22, 2021, two-thirds of the faculty voted in favor of this alternative model. Subsequently, on February 9, 2021, the LaRue County Board of Education reviewed the alternative SBDM model, and the chair of the local board signed the application, along with the school principal, district superintendent, and representatives of administrators, certified staff and parents of students at the school.

Budget Impact:

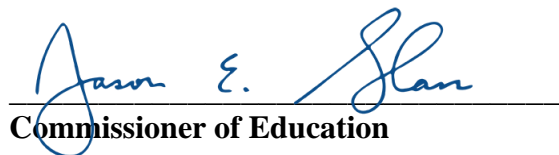
Approval of this waiver request would not impact state funds.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

As required by KRS 160.345(7), these applications for an alternative SBDM models were “developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school” and at least two-thirds of the faculty have agreed to the models.

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