**Board Memo**

**DATE:** 5/4/2021

**AGENDA ITEM DETAILS:**

**School/Department**

Instructional Support Services

**Vendor**

NA

**Product Name**

NA

**Date/Term (Beginning and End Dates/Year)**

2021-22 School Year

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

NA

**DESCRIBE USE OF CONTRACT/PURCHASE/AGREEMENT**

The Accel Academy program is designed to provide a high quality virtual learning opportunity for students within Boone County Schools and surrounding districts. Boone County Schools acknowledges that virtual learning for some students is a viable avenue for obtaining a high school diploma. The District will apply to KDE to designate the Accel Academy an A5 Alternative School per 704 KAR 19:002.

The Accel program will admit students from grades 6-12 who:

- Are behind significantly in credits

- Are homeschool students looking for a curriculum

- Suffer from anxiety or other diagnosis that inhibits school attendance

- Are homebound students with a delayed target date for return

- Have full-time employment who wish to study in the evening

- Are working part-time, but need to complete school work on an individual basis

- Are students who have demonstrated success previously in a virtual learning environment

**FUNDING:**

**Total Cost**

$335,000

**Budget Source**

Safe Schools and ESSER ll - $270,000 from Safe Schools and $65,000 from ESSER ll

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the implementation of the Accel Academy for the 2021-22 school year as a virtual alternative school option for students in grades 6-12.

**CONTACT PERSON: (submitter)**

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