KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Strategic Planning Update
Date: August 2021
Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion
Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the progress of the new strategic dashboard.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act; KRS 156.029(7); KRS 156.070; KRS 156.148

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy: State law provides that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall select a Commissioner of Education who is responsible for administering, structuring and organizing the Kentucky Department of Education. Additionally, the KBE also requires the Commissioner to establish goals, which he will be evaluated on annually.

Summary of Issue: In order to develop a new strategic plan, Commissioner Glass requested a statewide survey to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding what the KDE and educators in Kentucky should keep doing, stop doing and start doing. Survey results have been shared with the board. Additionally, one of the Commissioner's goals is to provide transparent reporting of pre-K-20 indicators and long-range goals related to student outcomes, the educator workforce (including the diversity of the teacher workforce) and student engagement, benchmarked against other states as measured by the establishment of goals, benchmarks and the development of a strategic dashboard. Metrics for this dashboard have been approved by the board. The dashboard is currently under development by KySTATS and will be reviewed.

Budget Impact: Costs for implementing the strategic plan impact state funds and occur at the initiative level. There is no cost for working with KySTATS.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The metrics for the dashboard have been shared with the KDE leadership team with general approval. We can share with advisory groups after all internal approvals are received.

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