

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Annual Policy Adoptions and Amendments for the Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf

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 take action on proposed annual updates to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the board approve the annual update to policies for the KSB and KSD. These policies provide for the effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB and the KSD. Policies for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session, as well as changes to applicable regulations during the past year. These policies provide consistency between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

Summary of Issue:

A checklist reflecting which policies are being adopted or amended is attached along with each policy's updated language.

Budget Impact:

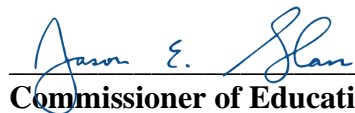
Possible fiscal impact includes cost of additional training and administrative costs of implementing changes.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

KSB and KSD administrative staff and advisory council members were consulted and did not recommend any additional changes. The proposed policy updates were included on the agenda of the July 27, 2021, meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the July 27, 2021, LSAC meeting will be shared with the KBE prior to the August meeting.

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