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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

February 14, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Kenton County School District and Boone County School District regarding the Ignite Institute.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

KCSD began conversations approximately one year ago with Boone County Schools regarding the potential merger of KCAIT and the Ignite institute. The Ignite institute set to open in the fall of 2019 is a regional CTE program that is being developed as a regional initiative. The question was very clear for our team. Would the merger enhance the quality, numbers and programmatic opportunities for KCSD kids? The team after many meetings, conversations and data review clearly indicated that this merger would significantly benefit KCSD KIDS. Moreover, this merger would benefit Boone County Kids and the entire region. Since this recommendation by our team and tentative approval granted by our board, we have been working with BCS staff to develop all aspects of the school for opening in fall 2019. Additionally, we have been working on the attached MOU to ensure that a clear-concise agreement exist that ensures a successful partnership. This collaboration is a result of a lot of hard work by members of both teams. I would like to personally commend Dr. Julie Whitis and the staff at KCAIT for placing kids needs above their own and providing countless hours to this merger, Dr. Francis O'Hara for his efforts to ensure that this opportunity for kids is a reality, our high school principals for being visionary leaders that ensures opportunities for kids come first, Mrs. Bentle for her diligent efforts regarding the financing of this opportunity and our CO Staff for their efforts to make this opportunity a reality. Additionally, I would like to commend Dr. Poe and the entire BCS team for their willingness to collaborate and lead for kids in our region. Lastly, this significant educational initiative is clearly innovative and will be a national and state model. This innovative collaboration could not be possible without the support and guidance of two visionary boards of education. A very special thank you to our KCSD Board Team.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Financial Impact is outlined in the MOU.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Kenton County School District and Boone County School District regarding the Ignite Institute.

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