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# Issue Paper

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**DATE:**

7/21/21

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

**Consider/Approve** A calendar change for preschool allowing staff to meet the state regulation for home visits and to expand upon school and family engagement opportunities.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

**01.1 Legal Status of the Board**

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

In the Kenton County School District Early Childhood Education program, our focus has been the areas of: expanding opportunities and partnerships, aligning curriculum with Kindergarten Readiness Standards, Preschool Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Birth-5 Strategies, and Full Day Kindergarten for all students. The all day, five day a week preschool instruction for our youngest Kenton County students will fill academic gaps early for our most at risk children, allowing more students to enter Kindergarten with a solid foundation and, in turn, exit the primary at grade level. Per regulation 704KAR3:410 each student will receive two home visits, the first within 60 days of enrollment. The purpose of the home visit is to create a positive contact and communication with the family, opening the door to authentic support while recognizing family strengths. Previously these visits were conducted on Fridays when preschool was not in session. For the 2021-2022 school year, preschool will begin September 1, 2021 allowing preschool staff to provide opportunities for family engagement, such as home visits, individual parent meetings, and/or learning opportunities for families before the first day of school. Preschool students will be out of school on October 22, 2021, January 14, 2022, March 17, 2022 with the last day of school on May 19, 2022 to allow time for staff to conduct family engagement activities. For the 2022-2023 school year, preschool will begin on August 24, 2022. Preschool students will be out of school on October 21, 2022, January 13, 2023, March 17, 2023 with the last day of school on May 18, 2023.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A


**RECOMMENDATION:**

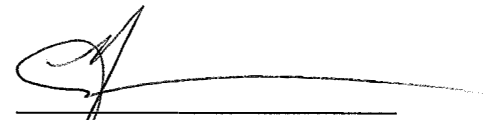
**Approval to** A calendar change for preschool allowing staff to meet the state regulation for home visits and to expand upon school and family engagement opportunities.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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Principal/Administrator

  
District Administrator

  
Superintendent

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