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**THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

5/25/19

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/approve the resolution for the New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Grant to improve educational outcomes for scholars attending Ignite Institute.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 General Powers and Duties

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The goal of the NSFY Grant is to grow the partnership between Boone County Schools (BCS) and the Kenton County School District (KCSD) including post-secondary partners and industry partners to continue the short term and long-term goals in establish the Ignite Institute as an all-day career academy. BCS and KCSD have established a collaborative partnership in creating the Ignite Institute. The NSFY Grant will allow both districts to learn about all day career academies in Kentucky and across the U.S. Ignite Institute is a choice school and the NSFY Grant will provide funds for marketing for scholars to learn about what it offers. In addition, the NSFY Grant will provide funds to learn about Career and Technical Education through trainings and conferences. Some legal fees will also be covered under the grant. The NSFY Grant will be up to \$110,000. The end outcome will be educators better prepared to teach our scholars to become Transition Ready.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the resolution for the New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Grant to improve educational outcomes for scholars attending Ignite Institute.

CONTACT PERSON:

Francis O'Hara

Principal



Director



Superintendent

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Principal—complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director—if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Kenton County Board of Education

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**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Board Resolutions**

***A RESOLUTION
OF THE
KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION***

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kenton County Schools has the desire for all our students to be globally competitive; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize each student has unique skills, aspirations, capacities, and dreams and we believe learning must be personalized to meet individual needs; and,

WHEREAS, we believe together we can provide students in our district more opportunities to succeed in life;

WHEREAS, we commit to provide a broader continuum of learning options to facilitate ALL our students becoming College and Career Ready upon graduation; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to set high expectations for ALL students; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to provide ALL students with choices on how and where they will learn; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to foster a greater college-going, work-ready culture throughout our region; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to work to drive gains in ALL students' academic knowledge and preparation for life beyond high school graduation; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to provide students with enhanced opportunities to earn college credits while in high school to make pursuit of postsecondary education more affordable and attainable for them; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to align our educational programs with the workforce needs and industry standards of our regional employers to support economic development and job growth in the region; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to providing our students with the skills necessary to be employable and competitive in the workplace; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to making learning more relevant to our students to reduce the number of students who drop out or fall behind; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to expand our students' knowledge of specific career options, exposure to the world of work, and understanding of relevant work certifications and postsecondary studies; and,

WHEREAS, we commit to engage with partners in our community to facilitate the provision of adequate opportunities for our graduates to live, work, and contribute to the future growth and prosperity of our community and Commonwealth; therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Kenton County Schools resolves to:

1. Cooperate toward the planning of a Regional Career Academy that expands career pathways studies available to students in our school districts; and,
2. Explore ways to align and develop educational programs in our schools to provide rigorous and connected learning opportunities from which students may choose; and,
3. Explore and plan how to create and participate in a Regional Career Academy in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education with funds provided by the New Skills for Youth Grant,
4. Work to build partnerships with regional business and industry partners, postsecondary representatives, economic developers, regional Workforce Investment Boards, other school districts, and representatives of our parents and students; and,
5. Ensure New Skills for Youth planning grant funds are used in strict compliance with the terms of the grant.

ENTERED INTO ON THIS DAY , June 3, 2019, by: Kenton County Board of Education

Mr. Carl Wickland, Kenton County Board of Education, Chairperson

Date

O'Hara, Francis - Kenton

From: Whitaker, Kiley - Division of Technical Schools and Continuous Improvement
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Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 3:13 PM
To: Hogan, Bill; O'Hara, Francis - Kenton
Cc: Slaughter, Leslie - Division of Technical Schools and Continuous Improvement;
Horseman, David - KDE Associate Commissioner; Lewis, Lea Ann - Division of Technical
Schools and Continuous Improvement
Subject: New Skills for Youth Cohort 3

External Message

Mr. Hogan and Mr. O'Hara,

Congratulations on receiving the New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Cohort 3 planning grant. We look forward to working with Ignite on this endeavor. However, before we can finalize the award, Boone and Kenton County Schools will both need to turn in District Resolutions signed by the board. In the application, we only had signatures from the two of you, but the grant requires board signatures. Our finance and contracts expert, Lea Lewis, may have additional requirements that you will need to complete during this time as well.

There will be a mandatory kickoff meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST at the Kentucky Department of Education in Frankfort. Lunch will be provided for this event. During the event we will go over requirements, documentation, and most importantly helpful assistance, information, and resources to make for a successful planning period. For this event, you should be prepared to bring a team of 8-10 individuals that consist of each of the school and district leaders involved in the academy and your postsecondary and employer partners. You may also bring other individuals that are key to your academies success.

As you begin working on your planning phase, keep in mind that NSFY is focused on creating a shared governance structure, between education and industry, for an **all-day** regional academy that provides dual credit opportunities in the students' chosen career pathways, successful completion of industry-recognized credentials, work-based learning opportunities throughout the pathway, and seamless secondary to postsecondary career pathways in the top 5 industry sectors. This is very hard work, but exciting work at the same time. The KDE is committed to assisting you with all aspects throughout the planning period and beyond. We are determined to change the traditional high school experience for students.

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the kickoff meeting, please contact either Leslie Slaughter, State NSFY Regional Career Academy Coordinator, at Leslie.Slaughter@education.ky.gov or me.

Thank you and once again, I look forward to working together. I will see both of you on June 14th. Thank you.



Kiley Whitaker

Assistant Director
Division of Technical Schools and Federal Programs