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<u>Consent Agenda Item (Action Item)</u>: Receive regulation changes that will void the COVID Quarantine Leave resolution resolved and ordered at the regular August Board meeting to be in effect for the 2021-22 school year.

<u>Applicable State or Regulations</u>: BOE Policy 0.11 Powers and Duties of the Local Board of Education Emergency Regulation 702 KAR 1:191E

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: N/A

History/Background: The regulation, which was initially approved by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) last August, provided paid leave for employees who were ordered to quarantine by a medical professional, a local health department, the Kentucky Department for Public Health or the employing school district. Employees were required to have taken the COVID-19 vaccine or be exempt because of disability or sincerely held religious belief to be eligible for the paid leave. The additional leave prevented employees from having to use their limited personal or sick leave days for quarantine. In order to be effective for the 2021-2022 school year, the regulation was filed on an emergency basis. Following the public comment period, the regulation was required to go before the legislature's Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS). At the March 7 ARRS meeting, the subcommittee found the regulation to be deficient, citing Senate Bill (SB) 25 (2022) as the primary reason. The Kentucky Department of Education informed districts that as of March 8, 2022, paid COVID Quarantine leave is no longer in effect for district employees.

Recommended Action: Receive regulation changes that will void the Quarantine Leave resolution resolved and ordered at the regular August Board meeting to be in effect for the 2021-22 school year.

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