

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Menifee County Management Audit

**Date:** June 8, 2022

**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 the Commissioner's recommendation that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) release Menifee County Schools from state assistance.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE release Menifee County Schools from state assistance as a result of the progress made and the results of a management audit conducted, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785, and 703 KAR 3:205

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

KRS 158.780 and 158.785 require the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to establish a program for management improvement services for school districts that demonstrate a critical lack of efficiency or effectiveness in governance or administration that state-mandated corrective action or state control of the district is required. 703 KAR 3:205 establishes the management improvement program and describes the management audit process.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

On July 10, 2015, following a management audit by the Kentucky Department of Education, the KBE approved the Commissioner's recommendation that the Menifee County School District be designated a state-managed district.

Following a similar management audit in September 2018, the Commissioner recommended that the KBE transition the Menifee County School District from a state-managed district to a state-assisted district. The KBE accepted the Commissioner's recommendation in June 2019.

Beginning in February 2022, a KDE management audit team conducted a new comprehensive management audit of the Menifee County School District. The audit team conducted 194 interviews with various stakeholders, including but not limited to the board members, the school-based decision making (SBDM) council members, district and school administrators, certified and classified staff, the state manager, and Education Recovery staff. The Commissioner's recommendation is based on the findings of this audit.

*Budget Impact:*

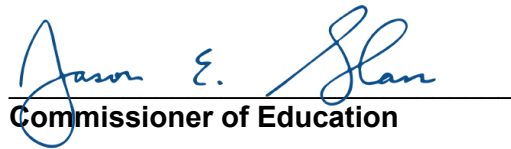
The KDE assigns personnel and resources from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support as well as the Office of Finance and Operations to support the work in this school district. The estimated budget impact is approximately \$500,000 annually in staffing related costs.

**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

The Menifee County Board of Education has received the management audit report and the recommendation that the district be released from state assistance.

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