

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Breathitt County Management Audit

Date: February 8, 2023

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 Breathitt County Schools from state assistance.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE release Breathitt 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 December 5, 2012, following a management audit by the Kentucky Department of Education, the KBE approved the Commissioner's recommendation that the Breathitt County School District be designated a state-managed district.

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

Beginning in September 2022, a KDE management audit team conducted a new comprehensive management audit of the Breathitt County School District. The audit team conducted 180 interviews with various stakeholders, including but not limited to the Advisory 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:

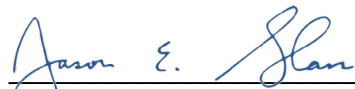
The KDE assigns personnel and resources from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support as well as the Office of Finance and Operations to support the work in this school district. The estimated budget impact is approximately \$500,000 annually in staffing related costs.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The Breathitt 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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