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KBE Legislative Priorities

The Kentucky Board of Education is committed to improving the future of all Kentuckians by providing leadership, advancing policy, and cultivating community partnerships to ensure every student has equitable access to high-quality, lifelong learning. We pledge to develop authentic partnerships with other Kentucky agencies and education stakeholders to strengthen our efforts and maximize impact.

To that end, we establish the following legislative priorities for the 2024 Regular Session:

Additional Budget Requests (ABRs) including:

- Increase SEEK Base and SEEK Transportation
 - 8% increase in per pupil base guarantee for inflationary increases in the costs of school district operations.
 - Fully fund pupil transportation for all school districts
- Universal Preschool
 - Funding for at-risk three- and all four-year-olds to attend state funded preschool.
- Education Workforce Supports
 - New Teacher Internships, GoTeach KY, Educators Rising, PRAXIS Reimbursement and Mentorship, Educator Leadership Support, and High-Quality Professional Learning
- Kentucky Educational Recovery Fund
 - Provide school improvement services to more schools, specifically TSI schools.
- Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS)
 - Maintain and sustain education technology enabled products and services.
- Read to Succeed
 - Additional literacy coaches to provide training and support to teachers, schools, and districts.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Formula Proposal

Revise distribution formula to create equity for every CTE student and program in the commonwealth, leverage federal CTE dollars, and incentivize indicators of high-quality CTE that are important to workforce development.

Kentucky State Schools- KSB and KSD

Support for Kentucky's state schools including the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf to ensure sustained services for these special student populations.

Advanced Placement (AP) Funding Changes

Additional flexibility to the funds appropriated for AP tests to provide additional services to students and teachers with funds not expended on tests.

Statutory Clean-up

Remove outdated and/or unused reporting requirements that cost districts time and money.

Facilities

- Codify HB 678 (2022RS) to make permanent district flexibilities and provide predictability for facility processes.
- Amend KRS 162.060 to provide districts with final design plan approval authority.