

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 2023-2024 Unmet Need Report, KRS 157.620(4)

Date: December 2023

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the Unmet Need Report for submission to the School Facilities Construction Commission which certifies the amount of school construction needs in each district, the amount of available local revenue in each district, and if the district has met eligibility criteria set forth in KRS 157.620(1).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the report for submission to the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC).

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 157.620(4)

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

Pursuant to KRS 157.620(4), the Kentucky Board of Education, in the year proceeding a budget session of the General Assembly, to submit a statement to the SFCC certifying each district's school facility needs, the amount of local available revenue in each district, and that the districts have met eligibility requirements. Eligibility requires committing at least an equivalent tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) to debt service, new facilities, or major renovations of existing school facilities as defined by KRS 157.611, and that the district board of education is required, by July 1 of odd-numbered years, to restrict all local available revenue, as defined by KRS 157.615, for school building construction, to be utilized in accordance with priorities determined by the most current district facility plan approved by the KBE.

Summary of Issue:

In order to comply with the requirements of KRS 157.620(4), the Division of District Support prepared the included Unmet Needs Report (Report). The Report certifies to SFCC the following:

- (a) The amount of school facility construction needs in each district;
- (b) The amount of available local revenue in each district; and
- (c) That the district has or has not met the eligibility criteria established by subsection (1) of this section.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact to the Kentucky Department of Education. The Unmet Need Report will be considered by the SFCC in making offers of assistance to school districts for school construction projects.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

School Facilities Construction Commission and Local Superintendent’s Advisory Committee.

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