

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD)  
Annual Policy Updates

**Date:** Aug. 8, 2024

**Action Requested:**  Review  Action/Consent  Action/Discussion

**Held In:**  Full Board  State Schools  United We Learn

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To act on proposed annual updates to policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends the board approve the annual update to policies for the KSB and KSD. These policies provide for the effective management of programs and operations at the schools and the updates ensure continued compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

[KRS 156.070](#), [KRS 167.015](#), [KRS 167.150](#), [KRS 167.240](#)

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, the KSB and the KSD. Policies for the KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session, as well as changes to applicable regulations during the past year. These policies provide consistency between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

A table reflecting which policies are being adopted or amended is attached along with each policy's updated language.

#### *Budget Impact:*

Possible fiscal impact includes cost of additional training and administrative costs of implementing changes.

### GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

KSB and KSD principals and advisory council members were given the opportunity to review and provide feedback. The proposed policy updates were included on the agenda of the July 30

meeting of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC). Feedback from the July 30 LSAC meeting will be shared with the KBE prior to the August meeting.

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