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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Approve the Kentucky Blood Center to host blood drives at Floyd Central High School throughout the 2024-2025 school year, with the first one being held on August 20, 2024 (retroactive approval). The other dates will be scheduled at a later time as the school year progresses.

APPLICABLE STATUTE(S), REGULATIONS OR BOARD POLICY

Powers and Duties of the Board of Education: 01.11

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There will be no cost associated with this request.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Many years ago, hospitals were responsible for blood supplies. The common practice for collecting blood for transfusions was to collect donations from patients' family and friends or even from the hospital's own staff. In some cases, family members were required to recruit donors before their loved ones could have surgery. In 1968, a group of concerned Lexington doctors decided blood should be collected, tested, and distributed from a central location to give every hospital an equal chance to get needed blood without worrying if there would be enough to go around. With the help of volunteer blood donors, Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) provides blood products to nearly 70 Kentucky hospitals and clinics in more than 60 Kentucky counties.

As a result of hosting these blood drives, a scholarship will be available to a graduating senior. The senior does not have to be a blood donor or involved in the blood drive. The scholarship will be awarded in the winner's name but paid directly to the winner's chosen institution of higher education. Scholarships apply to the 2024-2025 school year only.

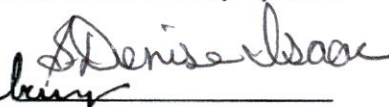
RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE:

Approve the request.

CONTACT PERSON(S):

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Date: August 13, 2024