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**Chelsey Couch**  
Executive Director

10/07/2024

Antonio Watts, Superintendent  
Newport Independent Schools  
30 West Eighth Street  
Newport, KY 41071

Dear Superintendent Antonio Watts:

Pursuant to KRS 157.655-157.660 and 750 KAR 2:010, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is hereby making an official FY2025 KETS offer of assistance to your Board of Education. Acceptance of this offer of assistance commits the Board of Education to follow the statutes and regulations of the SFCC and the Kentucky Department of Education governing the Education Technology Funding Program.

Based on the statewide ADA figures being used for 2023-2024 SEEK this year, your first offer of assistance in FY2025 is in the amount of \$14538. Accepted state technology fund offers of assistance **must be matched equally** by your Board of Education or can be escrowed for up to three (3) years.

Please note that the education technology funds restricted account has a new designation in the MUNIS chart of accounts: **Fund 2, Project 162L** EdTech account. In order for your district to receive funds, local funds should be transferred to that account.

In responding to this offer of assistance, please provide **via email at KETS-Offers@education.ky.gov** the following information:

1. Copy of a report from the MUNIS accounting system demonstrating evidence of a journal entry certifying local matching funds have been transferred to **Fund 2, Project 162L** EdTech account. The certification shall be the signature of the superintendent on the report
2. Excerpt of Board of Education meeting minutes (**accepting, escrowing, or rejecting** offer within **60 days** from the date of offer)
3. **Return the attached Fund Utilization Form Required with Journal Entry.**

As always, we look forward to working with you in the Education Technology program. We trust you will join us in continuing the success of this program in your district and in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole. Your District Technology Leader has been provided additional information and they should work with their regional KETS Engineer concerning any questions related to the Education Technology program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelsey Couch".

Chelsey Couch  
Executive Director, SFCC

**KENTUCKY EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY FUNDING PROGRAM  
FUND UTILIZATION PLANNING FORM**

**DUE DATE: 60 days from receipt of Offers Notification**

Name of District: Newport Independent Schools

1<sup>st</sup> Offer of Assistance Amount: \$14538

Declaration of Intentions: *Check only one*

- ☐ The entire amount of the Offer of Assistance will be matched at the present time.
- ☐ The entire amount of the Offer of Assistance will be escrowed for up to:  
*choose only one:*
  - ☐ 1 year
  - ☐ 2 years
  - ☐ 3 years
- ☐ The entire amount of the Offer of Assistance is rejected.
- ☐ A portion of this Offer of Assistance is being matched at the present time in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The remaining amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be escrowed for \_\_\_\_\_ years  
(maximum of 3).  
The remaining amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be rejected.

We agree to abide by the policies passed by the Kentucky Board of Education, School Facilities Construction Commission, and appropriate state regulations regarding the use of the funds.

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**Superintendent Signature**

**Date**

**Please be sure to include with this document:**

1. Excerpt of Board of Education meeting minutes (accepting, escrowing, or rejecting offer).
2. Copy of Journal Ledger Proof from MUNIS accounting system demonstrating transfer of funds to **Fund 2, Project 162L**, if amount is being matched at the present time.

**Return to:**

Email: KETS-Offers@education.ky.gov (preferred method)

or

Mail: Kentucky Department of Education

300 Sower Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl, Frankfort, KY 40601

Attention: Caprice Robinson