

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** 2024-2025 Local District Tax Rates Levied

**Date:** February 2025

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

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

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the 2024-2025 Local District Tax Rates levied in accordance with KRS 160.470 for Bell County and Anchorage Independent. KRS 160.460 requires all school taxes be levied by the board of education of each school district. The school district shall levy an ad valorem tax within the limits prescribed in KRS 160.470 that will obtain for the school district the amount of money needed as shown in the district's general school budget submitted under the provisions of KRS 160.470. KRS 160.470 requires the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to annually approve or disapprove school district tax rates.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the KBE approve the 2024-2025 Local District Tax Rates levied in accordance with KRS 160.470 for Anchorage Independent and Bell County school districts. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the proposed school districts tax rates provided in the attached document are in compliance with KRS 160.470.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 160.470

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

Pursuant to KRS 160.470(5), within 30 days after the district board of education receives its assessment data, the rates levied (by the local district board) shall be forwarded to the KBE for its approval or disapproval.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

Upon receipt of certified property assessments from the Department of Revenue, the Commissioner of Education certifies the local ad valorem tax rates and revenue to the district boards of education in accordance with KRS 157.440 and 160.470. Pursuant to KRS 132.0225, the district's board of education has 45 days from the date of the Department of Revenue's certification to the Commissioner of Education to establish tax rates.

The KBE approved 138 local school districts tax rates at its October 2024 meeting and 30 local school districts tax rates at its December 2024 meeting. Anchorage Independent was in a recall period and a petition was filed, however, the petition was withdrawn in January 2025. Bell County was in a recall period that ended in December 2024. The districts are requesting

approval of their tax rates at the February 2025 meeting. Also, included for the KBE's information, is a chart (attachment) showing tax rates levied by type from 2014-2015 through 2024-2025, and a definition page for the different kinds of tax rates. The tax rates for Bath County will be considered by the KBE at a future meeting. Bath County is holding a special election in January 2025 regarding their tax rates.

*Budget Impact:*

There is no budget impact at the state level.

**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

KDE provides information and assistance to local school districts throughout the process.

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