

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky United We Learn Assessment and Accountability Framework

Date: March 2025

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

Throughout January and February, the department held multiple Town Hall meetings to collect input from educators, students, families, legislators and community members on Framework 2.0 and how new assessment and accountability systems could work locally. Alongside the Town Halls, educational cooperatives hosted discussions about the Framework with their boards of directors (superintendents) and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff.

Additionally, Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and Division Director Jennifer Stafford gathered feedback on Framework 2.0 from Town Hall meeting attendees, the Local Superintendent Advisory Council (LSAC) and the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) at its February regular meeting.

Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd will cover participation and other information gathered from the last Town Hall meetings. Key themes arose from the feedback, which set the direction for the Framework 3.0 document.

Presenters will share Framework 3.0 with the KBE, along with feedback received on the framework from the Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council scheduled to meet on March 20 and the Local Superintendents Advisory Council scheduled to discuss the updated framework on March 25.

The KDE is seeking KBE's approval to advance Framework 3.0, as presented or with KBE-requested revisions, into the advocacy phase and for budgeting purposes.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The commissioner recommends Framework 3.0 with any KBE adjustments to move forward into the advocacy phase.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 158.6453, KRS 158.6455

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

In support of the Kentucky Board of Education's established values for the future of assessment and accountability in Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky United We Learn Council have engaged stakeholders broadly to support Kentucky's pursuit of a bold new future of teaching and learning. This engagement aligns with the KBE's "A Call to Action" Theory of Action steps of listening and learning.

Summary of Issue:

The KBE, KDE, KUWL Council, and other stakeholders are preparing to enter the advocacy phase of the KUWL Council's moonshot vision "To build a prosperous Kentucky, we will launch an accountability system that is meaningful and useful to all our learners."

Budget Impact:

The KDE will provide budgetary considerations related to the Framework 3.0 components in an Additional Budget Request.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The KDE presentation will include a summary of responses from feedback on Framework 3.0 provided by Town Hall attendees, the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, and the Kentucky United We Learn Council.

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