

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) 2026-2028 Biennial Budget Update

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

To update the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) on the development of KDE's 2026-2028 Biennial Budget Request and projects planned for inclusion in the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS Chapter 48

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy: KDE budget staff have begun preliminary discussions with KDE Leadership and staff regarding the formulation of the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget Request. The Office of Finance and Operations (OFO) will be presenting the information to the KBE for input and feedback.

At the February KBE meeting, staff provided a summary of the Six Year Capital Planning process, as well as recommended projects for inclusion in the 2026-2032 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, an introduction to the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget formulation process, and additional budget request (ABR) information from several KDE offices.

At the March KBE meeting, program staff will continue presentations on ABRs. At the June KBE meeting, OFO staff will seek board input concerning final prioritization of ABRs. The recommended budget will be presented for the KBE's approval and then submitted to the Governor's office on October 1.


Summary of Issue: The February presentation provided the KBE with an overview of the Six Year Capital Planning process, as well as recommended projects for inclusion in the 2026-2032 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, an introduction to the 2026-2028 Biennial Budget formulation process, and ABR information from several KDE offices.

Budget Impact: While there is no impact to the KDE's current budget, the KBE will approve the final recommended budget and submit it to the Governor for consideration of inclusion in the 2026-2028 Executive Branch Budget Request. During the 2026 Legislative Session, the Kentucky General Assembly will enact a budget that will establish KDE funding for the next biennium.

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