

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** 2025-2026 Unmet Need Report, KRS 157.620(4)

**Date:** October 2025

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

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

### SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the Unmet Need Report for submission to the School Facilities Construction Commission which certifies the amount of school construction needs in each district, the amount of available local revenue in each district, and if the district has met eligibility criteria set forth in KRS 157.620(1).

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the report for submission to the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC).

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 157.620(4)

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

Pursuant to KRS 157.620(4), the Kentucky Board of Education by October 15, in the year proceeding a budget session of the General Assembly, must submit a statement to the SFCC certifying each district's school facility construction needs, the amount of available local revenue in each district, and that the district has or has not met the eligibility criteria set forth in KRS 157.620(1). Eligibility requires committing at least an equivalent tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) to debt service, new facilities, or major renovations of existing school facilities as defined by KRS 157.440, and that the district board of education by July 1 of odd-numbered years restrict all available local revenue, as defined by KRS 157.615, for school building construction, to be utilized in accordance with priorities determined by the most current district facility plan approved by the KBE.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

KDE staff have prepared the attached Unmet Needs Report which certifies to SFCC the following in each district:

- (a) The amount of school facility construction needs in each district;
- (b) The amount of available local revenue in each district; and
- (c) That the district has or has not met the eligibility criteria established by KRS 157.620(1).

#### *Budget Impact:*

There is no budget impact to the Kentucky Department of Education. The Unmet Need Report will be considered by the SFCC in making offers of assistance to school districts for school construction projects.

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

No additional groups were consulted.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

Matthew T. Ross, Associate Commissioner  
Office of Finance and Operations  
Email: matt.ross@education.ky.gov  
(502) 564-1976



**Commissioner of Education**

Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Educator Workforce Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Portrait of a Graduate Partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Equity Commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Student-Centered Accountability System <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Support
---