

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action Item:**

Legislative Priorities

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve the legislative priorities for the upcoming 2026 legislative session.

#### **Rationale:**

The priorities have been updated to reflect the EPSB's discussion at the August 2025 EPSB meeting.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the EPSB approve the legislative priorities?

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** In December 2024, the EPSB approved the legislative priorities for the 2025 session. The legislative priorities included funding for internships, financial incentives to support entry to and growth in the profession, and legislation that elevates the profession.

***Summary:*** The 2026 legislative session will start in January and will be a sixty-day budget session. The EPSB will need to approve priorities for the upcoming session. At the August meeting, the EPSB reviewed the priorities for the 2025 legislative session and discussed changes they would like to see for the 2026 session. These changes included adding language to indicate the EPSB's support for principal induction and mentoring, competitive teacher salaries, and revisions to Senate Bill 181 from the 2025 legislative session. A copy of the draft priorities is included for EPSB review.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budgetary impact at this time.

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