

# Superintendent Report

April 22, 2026

## **Board Agenda**

We have several recognitions this month which is always fantastic! The Board Spotlight will be sharing our Spring MAP Data with a presentation by Ms. Hicks, Dr. Short, and Mr. Spicher.

- This is a heavy agenda for the consent items. You have the standard items and then many additional items.
  - Participation in the Summer Food Service Program. This will take place throughout the month of June.
  - Staffing allocation policy and each schools' final staffing allocations. This reflects the same number of certified staff currently in each school to remain for the 26-27 school year.
  - Payroll schedule and pay dates. Twice a month - usually on the 15th and 30th
  - Salary schedules - The salary schedule reflects a step increase plus 4% for all staff.
  - Supplemental, Extra-Duty, and Extracurricular salary schedules. Supplemental index rates were increased, but the method in configuring pay will change to reflect the same salary increase for all staff. Addition of an extra duty stipend regarding itinerant teachers and one change to extracurricular to reflect the GES volleyball traveling league.
  - Continuation of Learning Plan – this is our plan in the event we have a NTI day in the 26-27 school year.
  - Professional Development Plan Narratives – this outlines the schools' plans to provide professional learning for staff in the 26-27 school year.
  - LAU Plan – provides the plan around services to English Language Learners and is completed in partnership with the EL teacher we share with Ludlow.
  - SBDM Instructional Funds at \$100 ADM (average daily membership instead of ADA which is average daily attendance).
  - Partnership with NKCES for services and participation in the Regional Schools Program.
  - ServPro Master Agreement - This is just a protection agreement in the event of a major issue (i.e. flooding of a building). There is no cost to this agreement unless we need service quickly to get school open as quickly as possible.
  - MOA with Kentucky for our Family Resource and Youth Service Centers.
  - Technology Plan – this is updated annually and contains goals for 26-27.
  
- Action items:
  - Construction Related Approvals

## **Construction**

It was such a gut punch to learn this week that our track was not placed properly causing a delay to our official groundbreaking and Gold Medal Meet scheduled for May 1. On Monday, we were

sure we were going to make it. I hate it for the entire track team and most importantly our senior track team members. When it is completed we can determine how best to celebrate.

In other news, site work for the extended ADA seating should begin next week. At the stadium they are also completing concrete to the entrance which will then allow for the bricks to be replaced. They are also getting areas ready for seed and straw.

At GES painting of the courtyard bricks is completed, there are still two walls that remain for the metal panels, and the bid for painting to the back is complete. We also await information regarding the new flooring in the Commons area. They are also grading and preparing topsoil for seeding/strawing. We also had a punchlist meeting at GES on Wednesday and the list for this by the time we were finished was very long.

Mr. Joe Hayes will be at our board meeting to provide an update on the construction progress and allow time for you to ask questions.

### **May Work Session**

At the May work session we will share information regarding the budget since approving the tentative budget is an action item in May. Please let me know if you have additional items for discussion.

### **Legislative Update**

The 2026 session of the General Assembly adjourned Sine Die on Wednesday, April 15. Listed below are key bills that impact education.

- [House Bill 1](#) -**VETO OVERRIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**--Beginning in 2027, donors can receive a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit of up to \$1,700 for contributions to SGOs, which then provide scholarships for private school tuition, tutoring, and other educational expenses.
- [House Bill 4](#)-**signed into law by the Governor**-AN ACT relating to grooming a minor.
- [House Bill 7](#)-**signed into law by the Governor**-AN ACT relating to school bus safety.
  - Permits Stop Arm Camera System.
  - (\$300) for the first civil penalty-(\$500) for each subsequent civil penalty
- [House Bill 67](#)-(SB 181)- **signed into law by the Governor**-relating to unauthorized electronic communicating in schools, to expand existing definitions and define "private electronic communication," "qualified school volunteer," and "commercial, nonprofit, or local government affiliation.
- [House Bill 220](#)-**delivered to the Governor**-AN ACT relating to pension spiking in the systems administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.
- [House Bill 253](#)-**signed into law by the Governor**-AN ACT relating to reading and language arts instruction.Require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish an approved list of reading curriculum and interventions that do not use a three-cueing system;
  - Bans Three-Cueing
  - Bans Non-Disclosure Agreements and other misconduct language

- **House Bill 727-delivered to the Governor-Six separate education bills consolidated into HB 727**
  - HB 727-Modernizes the Kentucky Educator Placement Service System, allowing educators to apply to multiple districts and requiring districts to post vacancies with clear opening and closing dates
  - HB 685-Allows experienced educators with expired certificates (3+ years) to return to the classroom through a temporary certificate (up to 5 years) at the superintendent's discretion
  - HB 654-Reduces school improvement plan requirements to only those required by federal law or state statute
  - SB 71-Requires school board chairs and vice chairs to review budget matters with the superintendent and finance officer and mandates two hours of finance training for board members every two years
  - HB 621-Codifies special education class size requirements to help prevent overcrowding
  - SB 121-Includes administrative updates affecting the Kentucky Department of Education, including changes to Schools of Innovation approvals and adjustments to board member selection processes
- **House Bill 257-signed into law by the Governor-Assessment Bill [HB 257 quick summary](#)**
- **House Bill 307-signed into law by the Governor-AN ACT relating to postsecondary admission.**
- **House Bill 312-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law- VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR-The Department of Kentucky State Police shall issue provisional licenses to carry concealed firearms or other deadly weapons, or a combination thereof, to persons who: (a) Are eighteen (18) years of age but younger than twenty-one (21) years**
- **House Bill 392- signed into law by the Governor-relating to small purchase procedures, to increase the small purchase maximum amount to \$60,000 from \$40,000;**
- **House Bill 500- (Budget Bill) VETO OVERIDDEN in-part-Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR-**
  - SEEK base per-pupil guarantee increase by less than 1% in 2027 and up 3.6% in 2028. That leaves total SEEK funding 25% below 2008 levels after adjusting for inflation.
  - Facility nickel equalization is restricted:
  - Pupil transportation funding remains flat at the current FY26 appropriation level — approximately \$94 million below full statutory funding each year, representing roughly 81% of what the law requires.
  - KEES money was fully funded; however, they raised the qualifying GPA to 2.75 from 2.5 (page 105, line 3)
  - Fully funds the TRS Pension Liability, Medical Insurance Trust Fund, Under-65 Retiree Health Insurance, and Active Employee Health Insurance.
- **House Bill 555-signed into law by the Governor-define “student-based enterprise”; authorize local school boards to permit student-based enterprises within their district to sell competitive foods**
- **House Bill 562-signed into law by the Governor-relating to alternative high school diplomas.**

- [House Bill 642](#)-signed into law by the Governor--AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to raise the minimum amount a retired reemployed member may earn per day from \$170 to \$200
- [House Bill 652](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--AN ACT relating to critical facility mapping, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring an emergency.
- [House Bill 757](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-LINE ITEMS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--This bill places caps on all non-real property taxes — utility, occupational licensure, personal/tangible property. Late amendments created a short window for local boards to act before cap dates take effect. nickel equalization for any nickels enacted January 1, 2026 or later.
- [Senate Bill 1](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--AN ACT relating to education.
- [Senate Bill 2](#)-signed into law by the Governor-
  - Limits to administer pay increase.
  - Limits to Superintendent pay increases within a contract.
- [Senate Bill 4](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to define "department" and "principal"; establish the principal leadership development practicum; require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop and operate the practicum and outline the required components of the practicum; [Summary Link](#)
- [Senate Bill 5](#)-signed into law by the Governor--AN ACT relating to Kentucky-grown agricultural product procurement.
- [Senate Bill 46](#)- signed into law by the Governor --permit schools to use non-school bus passenger vehicles designed for 10, instead of 9, or fewer passengers;
- [Senate Bill 59](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--AN ACT relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars and resources--expand the prohibition on using tax dollars to advocate for or against a public question on the ballot to prohibit using any resources, and to explicitly apply prohibition to school districts, regional educational cooperatives, and recalls on a ballot;
- [Senate Bill 101](#)-signed into law by the Governor--AN ACT relating to children. Amend KRS 158.150 to require a local board of education to expel a student for at least 12 months if the student intentionally causes physical injury to educational personnel at a school or school function;
- [Senate Bill 170](#)- signed into law by the Governor--establish a pilot program to be known as the Supporting Opportunities for Accountability and Restoration Program for children who are truant;
- [Senate Bill 197](#)- delivered to the Governor--Funding Bill-budget cleanup.
  - Local accountability funding for local accountability
- [Senate Bill 263](#)-VETO OVERIDDEN Becomes Law-VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR--Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to make findings and declarations about locally driven innovation and the intent of the General Assembly to permit flexibility for school districts to improve practices;
  - [Senate Resolution 8](#)-adopted by voice vote--A RESOLUTION urging the exploration of opportunities to honor and educate the public about great

Kentuckians.-Urge appropriate legislative committees, state agencies, and educational authorities to explore opportunities to formally honor and educate the public about the lives and contributions of great Kentuckians.

- [SR 47-adopted by voice vote](#)-A RESOLUTION reaffirming the authority of locally elected school boards to govern school districts through policy and procedure in accordance with state law.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

We need to determine if we will participate in the parade as a board. I need to pass this information along to event organizers.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- April 21, 2026 - Excellence in Education Dinner
- April 23, 2026 – BEF Meeting @6:00 in BHS Library
- April 28-May 1, 2026 - KSA Testing Spirit Week
- May 5-11, 2026 – KSA Testing
- May 6, 2026 – Board Work Session
- May 7, 2026 – Preschool Graduation 6:00 @Ben Flora Gymnasium
- May 12, 2026 - Softball Senior Night (4:30), Baseball Senior Night (5:00), Spring Band Concert (7:30 @ Ben Flora)
- May 13, 2026 - Sr. Class Awards - Parade begins@5:15 Awards begin@6:00
- May 14, 2026 – Underclassman Awards - Middle School @6:00 Grades 9-11 @7:00
- May 15, 2026 - Regional Track Meet @Brossart
- May 20, 2026 – May Regular Board Meeting
- May 21, 2026 – 5th Grade Promotion (4:00 @GES)
- May 22, 2025 – Students Last Day. 9:00 Kindergarten Promotion @GES; Graduation for Class of 2026 7:00 @Ben Flora
- May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day Parade @10:30
- May 26, 2026 - BISD Closing Day

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent