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Issue Paper

DATE:

05/18/26

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenton County School District and Thomas More University for the Masters of Education in Teacher Leadership course specific for new to the profession teachers.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

10.3 – Relationships with other Organizations

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Kenton County New Educator Training (KC-NET) was developed as a result of the formal Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) being dissolved. To grow and develop our future leaders in the Kenton County School District, the collaboration between the Kenton County School District and Thomas More University evolved. Through the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership Program at Thomas More, we can provide our teachers with experience and continued learning that is crucial for new teachers. District Leadership will teach two cohorts of aspiring teacher leaders as they learn standards associated with this specific Thomas More University accredited Master of Education program. In addition, providing each new to the profession teacher a mentor teacher within their own school building is a component of KC-NET. Beginning in the 26-27 school year, Thomas More University will not only offer KC-NET teachers 3 credit hours for the course work successfully completed during KC-NET, if enrolled in a Thomas More Graduate Program (within four years); but will also provide a course scholarship credit for up to three hours at the current rate of \$460.00 per credit hour.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

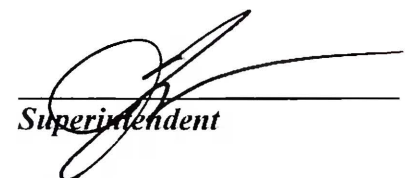
Approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenton County School District and Thomas More University for the Masters of Education in Teacher Leadership course specific for new to the profession teachers.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Thomas More University and

Kenton County School District

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Kenton County and Thomas More University Graduate Program Collaboration

This agreement is entered into by the Board of Education of the Kenton County School District and Thomas More University Education Department, Crestview Hills, KY.

This memorandum describes the programs and services available to the below noted education agency through the Graduate Education Department at Thomas More University.

The Following Services are available to the **Kenton County School District**:

1. **Graduate Programs in Education At Thomas More University:** Kenton County School District will collaborate with the Thomas More University Education Department, the Director of Graduate Education Programs, and the Education Department Chair to provide mentoring connections and on-site job embedded professional growth opportunities to be determined by the district, the candidate, the Graduate Education faculty, and in cooperation with the education agency.
2. **Specific Provisions of the Program:**
 - This collaboration will be based on a support and a co-teaching model between Kenton County Central Office and the Thomas More University Education Department.
 - Course(s) will be designed and agreed upon by the Kenton County Central Office, Director of Graduate Education Programs and the Chair of the Education Department,
 - Tools will be agreed upon and utilized for course design. Access will be provided to both Kenton County and Thomas More University,
 - Thomas More University Graduate Education / KCNET Goals:
 - gather data that supports continuing teacher education; particularly as it supports student learning
 - work to support teacher retention within the district
 - build a learning community that bridges K-12 and higher education through professional learning communities and co-constructed professional development opportunities

- EDM 632:
 - Offered at Kenton County for all new teachers
 - 8 weeks in fall
 - 8 weeks in spring
 - Graduate course credit equal to 3 hours will be earned IF matriculated into a Graduate Program at Thomas More University (within 4 years)
 - Kenton County will notify Thomas More University of those who complete EDM 632
 - Course runs two 16-week cycles to replace mentorship of KTIP
 - Data to be collected to replace KTIP data to support both K-1 2 and Teacher Leader ideas
 - Taught by superintendent who is terminally degreed (no adjunct fee)
 - Some classes will have to meet at TMU in order to be SACS compliant

3. Future Program Provisions:

- Future course scholarship credit at the current rate of \$460 per credit hour for 3 hours if a student enters a graduate program in education at Thomas More University.
- Thomas More University agrees to grant Graduate Education credit for EDM 632 (Fall & Spring) upon student matriculating into a TMU Graduate Program,
- Kenton County School District (along with Thomas More University) will promote and incentivize students to continue with TMU for a Masters, Rank I or additional certifications.

Entered into this day, the **3 of June, 2026.**

Superintendent


Director of Education Graduate Programs
Thomas More University