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Issue Paper

DATE:

07/21/26

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve: an agreement with the Beechwood Independent School District for a Beechwood student to attend the Kenton County School Project SEARCH program.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Beechwood Independent School District has requested to utilize the Kenton County School District Project SEARCH program for one student, as the District does not have a Project SEARCH program. The slot cost for participation in the 2026-2027 school year is \$8,100 per student. The individual slot cost is \$4,000 + an estimated \$4,100 in ADA, for a total of \$8,100. The home district will provide and pay for transportation.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

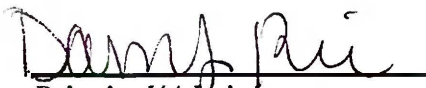
No fiscal impact

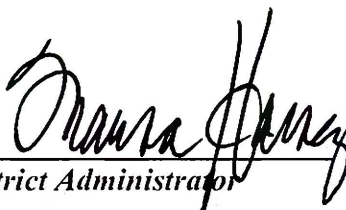
RECOMMENDATION:

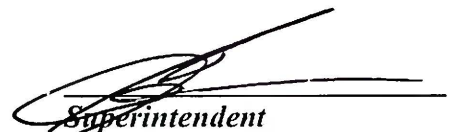
Approval to: an agreement with the Beechwood Independent School District for a Beechwood student to attend the Kenton County School Project SEARCH program.

CONTACT PERSON:

Danielle Rice


Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

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Principal—complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director—if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.*

KENTON COUNTY PROJECT SEARCH AT NKU ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

This Kenton County Project SEARCH Enrollment Agreement is entered into by and between the **Kenton County School District**, and **Beechwood Independent School District**, this 4th day of August, 2026.

WHEREAS, Kenton hosts a Project SEARCH program at Northern Kentucky University (NKU), a nine-month immersion program designed to secure competitive, integrated employment for students with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Kenton will allow eligible students from other regional school districts to attend the program and desires to reduce the agreement for these services to writing;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and payments described herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year commencing on June 30th, 2027.

2. Services. Kenton shall provide certified Special Education instruction and program coordination in accordance with Project SEARCH model fidelity.

- **Transportation:** Kenton shall NOT provide transportation. Daily transportation and travel training to the NKU host site are the sole responsibility of the home school district.

3. Student Eligibility. To participate, students from **Beechwood Independent School District** must:

- Be at least 18 years of age, remain on an active IEP, and have finished their high school credits.
- Agree that Project SEARCH will be their final year of eligibility for school.
- Be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation services.

4. Payment/Pricing. Following the established "Norse Project" model, the financial terms are as follows:

- **ADA Retention:** Kenton County School District shall retain the **Average Daily Attendance (ADA)** funding for all Project SEARCH students enrolled under this agreement. Estimated \$4,100
- **Cost Per Slot:** The cost for participation is **\$4,000.00 per student slot**.- \$4,000.00 slot cost + _estimated ADA \$4,100- Total estimated cost- \$8,100
- **Special Education Funding:** The home school district shall continue to receive **December 1 count funds** for these students. The home school district must ensure that these students are NOT counted by the Kenton County School District on December 1.

- **Payment Timeline:** Payment for services shall be rendered within thirty (30) days of the start of the school year.

5. Indemnification. To the extent allowed by applicable law, and without waiving any applicable immunity available to the parties, their agents and employees, the parties agree to indemnify, defend, and hold each other harmless for liability resulting from activities described herein.

6. Termination. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice on or before **August 1** of any school year, with services continuing until the end of that current school year.

7. Miscellaneous. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and any disputes shall be handled through mediation prior to litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands as of the date first written above.

Beechwood Independent School District

By: _____ Role: _____

KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____ Role: _____