

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)

STAFF NOTE: REVIEW ITEM

Topic: Kentucky Policy Implementation Inquiry: Findings
Date: October 2026
Action Requested: ☒Review ☐Action/Consent ☐Action/Discussion
Held In: ☒Full Board ☐State Schools ☐United We Learn

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

Lillian Pace, KnowledgeWorks Vice President of Policy and Strategic Advancement, will present and discuss findings from an initial inquiry process related to policy implementation conducted with a small sample of Kentucky districts from January through June 2026. The purpose of the inquiry is to develop a working hypothesis of the current district experience of Kentucky's student-centered learning policy environment and opportunities to further improve state support. Pace will discuss ongoing opportunities with stakeholders to evaluate the working hypothesis.

The inquiry was conducted by the Kentucky Department of Education in partnership with KnowledgeWorks through funding available from the 2022 Competitive Grants for State Assessments (CGSA) program from the U.S. Department of Education.

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GOALS/PRIORITIES: Indicate all applicable options.

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| ☒ Advance Educational Excellence Through Continuous Professional Improvement |
| ☒ Cultivate Collaborative Partnerships |
| ☐ Legislation |
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