



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(KDE)**

Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC)

SUMMARY

Sept. 29, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kirk Biggerstaff, Vice Chair Harry Burchett, Brian Alexander, Dennis Messer, Sheila Mitchell, Sharla Six, David Trimble, Henry Webb, Thom Cochran, and David Meinschein

Agenda Item: Amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System (Second Reading)

Presenters: Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Associate Commissioner Jennifer Stafford, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Jennifer Larkins

Summary of Discussion: Stafford and Larkins shared with LSAC members the adjustments made by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) at its regular August meeting during the first read of 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System. These updates include several changes to the overall accountability weights and the growth value table for the Individual Student Growth in Reading and Mathematics indicator. After reviewing the changes made after the KBE's first reading, Fletcher and Stafford answered questions about the proposed values in the academic growth table, explaining that the table is used to measure students' growth rather than on the target of proficiency. LSAC did not recommend any revisions to the table. LSAC considered a SCAAC recommendation to increase the Graduation Rate indicator from 6% to 10% and reduce the high school reading and mathematics indicator from 40% to 36%. Superintendent Webb was supportive of this change, stating that there isn't enough emphasis on graduation and the efforts that schools and districts undertake to get a child from kindergarten to graduation. Other LSAC members also supported this change in weight.

Action Taken: Chair Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System, including changes to accountability weights for graduation rate as proposed by SCAAC and changes to chronic absenteeism, using the 100-day (full academic year) minimum enrollment for a student's inclusion in accountability, with a school or district being accountable only for the number of days a student is enrolled in the school or district. The motion was made by Henry Webb and seconded by David Trimble. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 702 KAR 3:110, Document filing dates

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter, and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz

Summary of Discussion: Ross, Ritter and Swartz presented the proposed amendment to 702 KAR 3:110. Superintendent Burchett asked a question regarding districts receiving their final tax forms and Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding tentative information and how this interacts with the timelines in law for adopting the working budget. Staff explained that the timeline for adopting the working budget is set forth in statute, but that KDE would consider whether the SEEK tentative information could be released sooner.

Action Taken: Chair Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 702 KAR 3:110, Document filing dates. The motion was made by Brian Alexander and seconded by Dennis Messer. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 780 KAR 2:040, Live work projects

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren Graves, Ph.D.

Summary of Discussion: Hargis and Graves provided that Kentucky Tech schools accepting live work are required to document all services using the Work Order – Agreement form incorporated by reference in 780 KAR 2:040. The proposed amendments include updates to the form to clarify customer agreement requirements and the student fee exemption. Additionally, technical revisions for clarity and consistency are proposed throughout the regulation.

Action Taken: Chair Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 780 KAR 2:040, Live work projects. The motion was made by David Trimble and seconded by Brian Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.

Agenda Item: Amendments to 780 KAR 2:060, Discipline of students

Presenters: KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Lauren

Graves, Ph.D.

Summary of Discussion: Hargis and Graves provided that language in 780 KAR 2:060 mirrored language from KRS 158.150 for student actions constituting cause for suspension or expulsion. The amendments include removing the repetitive language and simply referencing the statute. Additionally, the section of KRS 158.150 related to due process was replaced with the appropriate section.

Action Taken: Chair Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to 780 KAR 2:060, Discipline of students. The motion was made by Thom Cochran and seconded by David Trimble. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with Commissioner Robbie Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration and action.