



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
(KDE)**

**Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC)**

**SUMMARY**

**March 31, 2026**

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

**Agenda Item: Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses**

**Presenters:** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Branch Manager Roger Banks

**Summary of Discussion:** Ross and Banks discussed the proposed 2027 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses. LSAC members did not raise any questions or comments.

**Action Taken:** Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the 2027 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses. The motion was made by Russ Tilford and seconded by Harry Burchett. 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 3:220, Guidelines for waiver of school fees**

**Presenters:** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz

**Summary of Discussion:** Ross and Swartz presented the proposed amendment to 702 KAR 3:220, Guidelines for waiver of school fees. LSAC members did not raise any questions or comments.

**Action Taken:** Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 702 KAR 3:220, Guidelines for waiver of school fees. The motion was made by Will Hodges and seconded by Russ Tilford. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Follow-up Required:** Following the Local Superintendents Advisory Council meeting with

Commissioner Fletcher and KDE staff, this item will be presented to the members of the KBE for consideration and action.

**Agenda Item: Amendment to 702 KAR 6:110, Claim reimbursement for school and community nutrition programs**

**Presenters:** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross, KDE Policy Advisor Lindsey Swartz, KDE Assistant Director Tim Cooper and KDE Branch Manager Mike Sullivan

**Summary of Discussion:** Ross, Swartz, Cooper and Sullivan presented the proposed amendment to 702 KAR 6:110, Claim reimbursement for school and community nutrition programs. LSAC members did not raise any questions or comments.

**Action Taken:** Biggerstaff asked for a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 702 KAR 6:110, Claim reimbursement for school and community nutrition programs. The motion was made by Sheila Mitchell and seconded by Will Hodges. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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