

**SUMMARY OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK
FROM COMMISSIONER TERRY HOLLIDAY
FOR
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
MEETING**

August 5-6, 2009, Kentucky Board of Education Meeting, Frankfort, KY

Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

➤ ***BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2009-10***

At the August 5-6, Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) meeting, election of the 2009-10 officers occurred. Joe Brothers of Elizabethtown was re-elected chair, C.B. Akins of Lexington was re-elected vice chair and Dorie Combs of Richmond was elected as an additional vice chair. All votes were unanimous.

For more information on board officers, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

➤ ***FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO 704 KAR 4:020***

704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services was given final approval at the August meeting. The amendments to the regulation addressed the following:

- technical amendments to update regulatory language
- implementation of a dental examination or screening prior to the initial entry of a five or six-year-old in the public schools as required by KRS 156.160(1)(i)
- beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, implementation of a training course approved by the Kentucky Board of Education to be completed by all unlicensed school personnel who have accepted delegation to perform medication administration in school. The course is to be developed in consultation with the Kentucky Board of Nursing to ensure compliance with 201 KAR 20:400.

For questions on the provisions of 704 KAR 4:020, contact Karen Erwin at (502) 564-5625 or via e-mail at Karen.Erwin@education.ky.gov.

➤ ***BOARD DISCUSSES CONTENT OF INTERIM ACCOUNTABILITY
REGULATION***

Associate Commissioner Ken Draut, Office of Assessment and Accountability, raised the state board's awareness of the need to provide an interim accountability system for the next two years as required by Senate Bill 1. He explained that Senate Bill 1 requires accountability to be determined in terms of the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Draut noted interim accountability can be defined through

amendment to 703 KAR 5:060, Interim accountability, which was created during a previous change to the state assessment and accountability system.

Decision points outlined by Draut that need to be dealt with in the revised regulation include:

- A new calculation for NCLB Other Academic Indicator for elementary and middle schools. Currently, the Other Academic Indicator is comprised of CATS index scores at the elementary and middle school levels. Since these will no longer be computed per requirements of Senate Bill 1, the NCLB Other Academic Indicator must be redefined. Department staff recommended, and the state board supports, using the scores from science, social studies and writing on-demand to serve as the Other Academic Indicator for elementary and middle schools.
- A new calculation for safe harbor for all schools. The previous calculation provided that if a subpopulation did not meet its Annual Measurable Objective, it could still be in “safe harbor” and considered to have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) if the school reduced by at least 10% the number of students in the subpopulation who were not proficient in reading and math, and that subpopulation met the criteria for demonstrating improvement on the academic index. Since the academic index will no longer be computed, both the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council and the District Assessment Coordinators support removing the academic index portion of the calculation and having safe harbor based on the reduction by at least 10% the number of students in the subpopulation that are not proficient.
- Revisions to the Kentucky Department of Education’s Assistance and Support School Improvement Success Team (ASSIST) model. Since school and district Adequate Yearly Progress status will now serve as the eligibility criteria for assistance during the interim, new guidelines must be developed for state assistance.
- Changes to the graduation rate calculation and reporting. National changes by the United States Department of Education must be accommodated and Kentucky must conform its calculation and reporting for graduation rate to meet these new requirements.

The actual regulatory language for the interim accountability model will come before the state board in October with final approval scheduled in December.

For more information on the interim accountability regulation, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2257 or via e-mail at Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov.

Next Meeting: October 7-8, 2009, Frankfort, KY