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LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS **NAMED TO COMMISSIONER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Today, Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday announced the ten local board of education members who will serve on his Local School Board Member Advisory Council (LSBMAC) for the upcoming year.

The council members serve on local boards of education throughout the state and represent each of the seven Supreme Court judicial districts. In addition, there are three at-large members.

- 1st Supreme Court District – Joe “David” Webster, Simpson County; term expires 1/1/15
- 2nd Supreme Court District – Greg Hunsaker, Henderson County; term expires 1/1/16
- 3rd Supreme Court District – Gretchen Cole, Somerset Independent; term expires 1/1/15
- 4th Supreme Court District – Debbie Thomas Wessland, Jefferson County; term expires 1/1/16
- 5th Supreme Court District – Donna Crain Drury, Anderson County; term expires 1/1/15
- 6th Supreme Court District – Paula Jolly, Walton-Verona Independent; term expires 1/1/16
- 7th Supreme Court District – Donna Wilson, Montgomery County; term expires 1/1/15
- At-Large – Larry Dodson, Oldham County; term expires 1/1/16
- At-Large – Mark Ross, Pendleton County; term expires 1/1/15
- At-Large – Michelle New, Franklin County; term expires 1/1/16

“I’m looking forward to meeting with this group and hearing members’ ideas and thoughts about Kentucky’s public education system,” Holliday said. “The role of local board of education members is important to the work the department is doing and we need their feedback and to better understand their perspective.”

The Local School Board Member Advisory Council will meet and discuss how the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) initiatives and decisions made at the state level are affecting local boards of education and districts throughout Kentucky.

KDE staff reviewed local board of education members’ applications before making the final selection. The Kentucky School Boards Association selected several of the at-large members. Members will serve staggered one-year terms with half of the council serving a two-year term with the initial appointment.

The council will meet four times in a calendar year. The first meeting of the Local School Board Member Advisory Council is Jan. 29, 2014 in Frankfort.

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