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**Commissioner of Education** 

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Amanda Deaton, Chair Nelson County Board of Education 288 Wildcat Lane Bardstown, KY 40004

Wes Bradley, Superintendent Nelson County School District 288 Wildcat Lane Bardstown, KY 40004

## RE: Management Review of Nelson County School District

Dear Board Chair Deaton and Superintendent Bradley:

As you are aware, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has been conducting a management review of Nelson County school district, pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205.

The management review has concluded. A copy of the final report is attached. Based on the findings outlined in this report, I have determined that there is not a pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the governance and administration of Nelson County Schools. Further, a management audit is not being ordered at this time consistent with KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 2:305.

To ensure that every child in Nelson County Schools has the opportunity to receive a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing school environment, the Superintendent and Board of Education should collaborate to do the following:

- 1. Develop a process to review, amend, and adopt all Board policies on a rotational calendar basis.
- 2. Develop a timeline to review, update, and submit a new District Facilities Plan (DFP) to KDE.
- 3. Develop a comprehensive communication plan to ensure all stakeholders are informed about district initiatives.



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I look forward to our continued collaboration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Kelly Foster, Associate Commissioner, by phone at (502) 564-5130 or email at Kelly.Foster@education.ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robbie Fletcher

Commissioner of Education

**Enclosures** 

cc: Members of Nelson County Board of Education

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