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Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue
Jennifer Hays, Committee Staff Administrator
700 Capital Ave
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: WKSAFE Funds Report (December 2024)

Dear Co-Chairs Senator McDaniel and Representative Petrie:

House Bill 5 (2022 RS) as amended by House Bill 1 (2022 SS) established the West Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (WKSAFE) Fund to provide disaster relief for areas impacted by the December 2021 storms and tornadoes. Pursuant to KRS 39A.305(14)(b), the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is required to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue beginning on May 10, 2022, and every month thereafter through July 10, 2026. The report is to include the name of each school district receiving WKSAFE funds, the dollar amount of funds issued and the dates of issuance, a description of how the funds were used, and a list of all requests submitted. The list of submitted requests shall include the amount requested, any denials with the reason for denial, and if the award is more or less than requested, an explanation for the increase or decrease.

Please allow this letter and the attached spreadsheet to serve as the required report. Please find attached information which includes:

1. The name of each school district receiving moneys from the fund;
2. The dollar amount of moneys issued and the dates of issuance;
3. A description of how the moneys were used;
4. A list of all requests:
 - a. Submitted, including the amount requested;
 - b. Denied, including a description of the reason for the denial; and
 - c. Any amount awarded increase

If members of the Committee have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or phone number below.

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Sincerely,

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