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Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue  
Senator Christian McDaniel, Chairman  
Jennifer Hays, Committee Staff Administrator  
702 Capital Ave Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: WKSAFE Funds Report (January 2024)

Dear Chairman McDaniel:

HB 5 (2022 RS) as amended by HB 1 (2022 SS) establish the West Kentucky State Aid Funds for Emergencies (WKSAFE) Fund to provide disaster relief for areas impacted by the December 2021 storms and tornadoes. KDE is required to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue beginning on February 10, 2022, and every month thereafter through July 10, 2024. KDE is required to report the name of each school district receiving WKSAFE funds, the dollar amount of funds received and a description of how the funds were used.

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.

Sincerely,

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