



House Bill 1 (HB1) Talking Points

1. Thank you for prioritizing education this session.
 - a. Including a proposed increase in per-pupil funding;
 - b. full-day Kindergarten;
 - c. restoration of professional development; and
 - d. increases in career and technical education.

2. We (KASS)/I look forward to working with you to ensure our children and our teachers can be at their best every day.

3. That's why I want to call to your attention **3 proposals** that would strengthen House Bill (HB) 1 and put Kentucky kids first.
 - a. **Fully fund transportation:**
 - i. We need to ensure students can safely get to and from school in a timely manner without fear of delay or cancelled bus routes.
 - ii. I've heard from many concerned parents about school bus delays and accessibility. (SUPERINTENDENT)
 - iii. Use short personal story/experience (HOUSEHOLD/PARENT)
 - iv. We need to fully fund transportation so that students across the state can focus on learning NOT worried about when they will get picked up and dropped off.
 - v. As currently written, HB1 makes the problem worse, especially for larger school districts.

b. Increase SEEK guarantee funding:

- i. When Kentucky public schools succeed, the Commonwealth succeeds.
- ii. The more we invest in our students now, the less we will need to spend in the future to catch up.
- iii. Unfortunately, public schools are chronically underfunded and have been for nearly 2 decades.
- iv. SEEK funding needs to increase to \$4,700+ to equal the 1990 SEEK guarantee base — 32 years ago!

c. Give school districts more freedom:

- i. Schools, superintendents and local leaders understand what works best for their students.
- ii. Education is not one-size-fits-all. Every county is different.
- iii. Our state government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers.
- iv. Instead, the Kentucky General Assembly needs to provide the resources to help schools and superintendents ensure student success in the classroom, workplace and community.

4. As you consider HB1, please know that all 171 school superintendents, representing every Kentucky school district, stand ready as a resource to help keep our promise to generations of Kentucky students—as we have for more than 70 years.

(SUPERINTENDENT)

5. Thank you again and please do not hesitate to reach out to me (PERSONAL CONTACT) or KASS (CONTACT INFO) if we can be of further assistance.