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Gene Wilhoit, Commissioner
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Dr. Stanley Riggs
Kentucky Educational Development Corporation
904 West Rose Road
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Dear Dr. Riggs:

You have asked the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Legal and Legislative Services to provide documentation as to whether the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation may be considered a Local Educational Agency for purposes of ESEA. The definition provided from ESEA, p. 963-964 reads as follows:

- (26) Local Educational Agency
(D) Educational Service Agencies- The term includes educational service agencies and consortia of those agencies.

The Kentucky Educational Development Corporation exists under the authority of KRS 156.017 which expressly authorizes the establishment of service centers, school district cooperatives or consortia to supply "services or assistance to accomplish goals and duties of the commissioner of education and the department as established under the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990." KEDC exists pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, KRS 65.210 to 65.300 and comprises some 66 school districts which operate jointly for the benefit of all. KEDC clearly meets the definition of a Local Educational Agency as set out above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. Keating".

Anne E. Keating
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