

NKCES Report – May 2022

The mission of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services is to strategically leverage the united voice of the superintendents and public schools as we connect, grow and serve the region with vital services as we: provide targeted support services for education professionals, enhance quality learning for students, model and support innovative instructional leadership practices...through a united voice.

[BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT](#)

Executive Director Update:

[BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT](#)

NKCES Team Meeting, May 2: Each month, the entire NKCES team gathers to hear from leadership, learn from each other as well as strengthen our knowledge of our mission, vision, and core values. Executive Director Razor led the Ripples of Leadership for the group. We spend a significant amount of time sharing updates from individuals to keep all team members “in the loop.”

[BOONE COUNTY](#)

[BRACKEN COUNTY](#)

[CAMPBELL COUNTY](#)

KAEC & Deeper Learning Meeting in Lexington, KY, May 5: Executive Director Razor met the other Education Cooperative Directors in Lexington to collaborate with the Statewide Deeper Learning Director. The group worked on the budget and overarching goals for the united work to ensure a successful deployment.

[CARROLL COUNTY](#)

[COVINGTON INDEPENDENT](#)

[DAYTON INDEPENDENT](#)

Monthly Finance & Facilities Meeting, May 6: Each month, Executive Director Amy Razor and Ms. Angie Perkins meet to plan for future expenses and prioritize facility needs. This month we focused on the salary schedule and budgets.

[ERLANGER ELSMERE INDEPENDENT](#)

[FLEMING COUNTY](#)

[FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT](#)

KAEC Virtual Meeting, May 9: Executive Director Razor participated in this recurring virtual meeting to keep the KAEC work moving forward. The group discussed the progress of the Deeper Learning framework, strategies for aligning the work of the eight cooperatives in this work, and the MOU from KDE.

[GRANT COUNTY](#)

[GREENUP COUNTY](#)

[KENTON COUNTY](#)

KY Superintendent Webcast, May 10: Executive Director Amy Razor attended the regularly scheduled monthly webcast led by the Education Commissioner, Dr. Jason Glass, and state leaders to keep informed on current topics.

[LUDLOW INDEPENDENT](#)

[NEWPORT INDEPENDENT](#)

[OWEN COUNTY](#)

Leadership Synergy Meeting, May 16: As a step forward in developing our leadership team, Executive Director Amy Razor and Chief Academic Officer Melody Stacy meet monthly with essential leadership prior to the NKCES team meetings. This time provides effective two-way communication and is a critical step as NKCES continues to grow.

[PENDLETON COUNTY](#)

[SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT](#)

[WALTON-VERONA INDEPENDENT](#)

KAEC Virt Meeting, May 17: Executive Director Razor participated in a recurring virtual meeting designed to keep the KAEC work moving forward. The group continued discussing the progress of the DL overarching goals.

[WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT](#)

RSP Awards and Promotion Ceremony, May 18: Executive Director Amy Razor and CAO Melody Stacy joined in the celebration to honor the incredible accomplishments of all of the RSP Students this school year. It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers attend to support their students.

KDE Monthly Education Cooperative Director Meeting, May 23: Executive Director Amy Razor, along with other KDE Leaders and Education Cooperative Directors, participated in the monthly virtual meeting with state leaders.

KAEC Zoom Meeting, May 23: Executive Director Amy Razor and Education Cooperative Directors debriefed following the KDE monthly virtual meeting. The group also discussed Deeper Learning and the upcoming presentation for KBE Jun 8, 2022 .

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

May Professional Learning: NKCES supported 194 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during May, serving 2,223 educators.

NKCES Professional Learning Online Platform has proudly served more than 35,809+ educators since the inception of its first online learning Google site. NKCES online learning options have grown from one site with six trainings that debuted in the spring of 2020 to six sites with 125+ free online trainings and a variety of free online trainings and curated resources and support for educators and parents, caregivers, and substitute teachers.

The online learning platforms available at the start of the 2021-2022 academic year include:

1. Free online PD for certified and classified staff at <https://bit.ly/nkcesonlinetraining>
2. Free teaching and learning resources at the NKCES Special Education Teaching Tips site: <https://bit.ly/SPEDTeaching>
3. Free modules for Substitute Teachers: <http://bit.ly/SubstituteTeachers>
4. Free modules, resources, and recommended supports for parents and caregivers: <https://bit.ly/NKCESParent>
5. Free resources for special education teachers focused on IEP goal support: <https://bit.ly/NKCESIEPSite>
6. Free transition service supports for special education teachers: <http://bit.ly/nkcestransition>

PL Consortium: The 21-22 NKCES PL Consortium ended in May and set dates for the 22-23 school year. These meetings are set to occur in-person from 10am-12pm on Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28.

Title I & Title II Meeting: The 21-22 NKCES Title I & Title II Consortium ended in May and set dates for the 22-23 school year. These meetings are set to occur in person from 8-9:30 am on Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 18, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28.

DAC Meeting: The 21-22 NKCES DAC Consortium ended in May and set dates for the 22-23 school year. These meetings are set to occur virtually from 10-11 am on Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18.

Principals and Aspiring Leaders Institutes: The 2022 NKCES Principals and Aspiring Leaders Institutes have both continued to meet. Participants have taken the Working Genius assessment and are conducting personal reflection on how this impacts their work and personal lives. A book study on *The Eight Paradoxes of Great Leadership*, time for feedback on ideas and challenges, as well as requested agenda

topics, have all made for an energetic and purposeful time together. These both will wrap up in June with a networking social event to celebrate this learning and connection journey.

NKCES is honored to offer a variety of professional learning opportunities this summer. All of them can be found at [NKCES Summer-at-a-Glance](#).

Parent Resources: Mathematics Coach Kim Snowball created two-parent online modules, [Financial Literacy](#) and [A Day at Dollar General...Learn While Shopping](#). Literacy Coach Amelia Brown created two-parent online modules, [Building Your Child's Vocabulary: Tips for Preschool Families](#) and [Building Your Child's Vocabulary: Tips for Elementary Families](#). Professional Learning Coach Merissa Waddey created two-parent online modules, [Cultivating Readers](#) and [A Parent's Guide to Growth Mindset](#). All these parent modules are located on the [Parent Support Site](#).

Substitute Teacher YouTube Channel: Our collection of videos made just for substitute teachers includes everything from classroom management strategies and the ABCs of supporting students with disabilities to what to do with extra time. Check out these great supports for elementary and secondary substitutes. <https://bit.ly/JustForYouSubstituteTeachers>

Professional Learning Networks (PLNs): PLNs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in collaborative environments focused on collective learning. Our [21-22 NKCES Regional PLNs and dates can be found here](#).

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

RSP closed out the school year by holding our Awards and Promotion Ceremony on 5/18. Staff delivered summer food duffle bags the last week of May.

We are working to fill our open positions and have had a few positions filled; we continue to work on filling our additional open positions.

Four staff members will be attending the Behavior Institute in June.

English Learners (EL) Program Update:

Heather Ralphes and Daniele Novak have been meeting with the EL Program's Title III Directors to review ACCESS scores and to discuss updates to EL procedures from KDE. They have also been meeting with teachers to review ACCESS scores and to get input for the EL students' PSPs. The interview committee has been accepting applications and is conducting interviews for the open EL Consultant position.

NK Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):

Mr. Joe Bertucci sent information to all schools participating in the AIM (Arts in Mind) program in 2022-23. Professional Learning begins on June 14, with training for leaders of each school's Comprehensive Arts Planning Committee.

NKIAE held several planning meetings with Harris Media Co., Pones, Inc., The Carnegie, and various artists and arts educators to develop two video series: one supporting elementary theatre and dance standards, and one supporting college/career readiness in art, dance, music, and theatre. Videos are scheduled for release in September.

Mr. Bertucci collaborated with arts partners and Dr. Merissa Waddey to plan summer professional learning in arts education and arts integration. All regional arts educators are invited to attend the [Visual](#)

[& Performing Arts Summer Workshop](#) on July 25. He also provided professional learning in Arts Integration for Fleming County on May 25.

CRRSA Update:

The CRRSA team worked with 338 students and educators this month to provide professional learning. The team worked with students and teachers to develop and implement lessons that are focused on Developing Grit in the Classroom. The team Trauma Informed Care, MTSS, High Quality Curriculum Development & High Quality Instructional Resources (HQIR) and Building Fluency in the Math Classroom. The team worked with

The Social Emotional Learning Specialists (SEL) have been working on a statewide collaborative project around the KyMTSS Tiers of SEL supports, and the Learning Acceleration Specialists (LAS) across the state have been working together on the learning acceleration process.

The [teachNKY collaborative website](#) entered into its fourth month of publication, this month highlighting adult SEL. Next month's topic will be focusing on educator agency. In its first three months, the website has a total of 865 new users and over 9,000 events (interactions). The most viewed content is the Standards Snapshot followed by the blog posts.

Special Education Update:

The NKCES DoSE Advisory Board met on May 19th. The NKCES DoSE Meeting was held on May 27th. Topics of discussion included Indicator 8 Parent Involvement Survey, End of Year Special Education Data Reporting, Significant Disproportionality, etc. Jarrod Slone from the Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) was present to discuss Significant Disproportionality and Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS).

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Preschool Coordinator's Meeting with Anderson County Regional Training Center on May 3rd. Topics of discussion included the new Early Childhood Standards, Observation Tool for Instructional Supports and Systems, Professional Learning Schedule, etc.

Mrs. Becky Nixon and Dr. Laura Clarke led the Spring IDEA Advisory Board Meeting. Mrs. Nixon led the group through the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) data. The group discussed how our region compared to the state in meeting the targets on the various performance indicators. In addition, the group gave suggestions on ways the NKCES IDEA Team can assist districts in improving their performance rate and outcomes for students with disabilities.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Kentucky Council of Administrators for Special Education (KYCASE) planning meeting on May 9th. The KYCASE Executive Committee continued its planning for the KYCASE New DoSE Institute and the KYCASE Summer Institute which will be held in Lexington, KY on July 17-19th.

Ms. Becky Nixon, Dr. Laura Clarke, Dr. Merissa Waddey and Ms. Emily Borchers attended KDE's CCEIS Co-Op Training in Lexington, KY on May 11-12. The training focused on analyzing state and district data specific to behavior data and disproportionality.

Mrs. Becky Nixon met with the OSEEL Fiscal Monitoring Team on May 17th. The team offered the meeting to discuss any questions regarding the upcoming 2022-2023 IDEA Proposal that is due on June 1st.

Ms. Becky Nixon attended the State Special Education Directors Meeting on May 20th. The IDEA consultants attended their respective monthly state task group meetings. Mrs. Becky Nixon continues to lead the state Low Incidence Task Group.

Dr. Laura Clarke, Dr. Merissa Waddey, and Kim Snowball supported the Regional Schools Program with accommodations and alternate assessment administration for the Kentucky Summative Assessments.

Drs. Laura Clarke and Merissa Waddey collaborated with the Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC) on action planning for the two NKY schools (Newport Primary and Taylor Elementary) selected as KATC Training Sites next school year.

Dr. Laura Clarke participated in multiple planning meetings with the KY Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD) board to plan the 2022 Behavior Institute, which will be held on June 16-17 in Louisville, KY. Dr. Clarke, Dr. Merissa Waddey, and Ms. Misti Carr will be presenting sessions at the conference. Dr. Clarke worked with the KY CEC Board on planning for the national CEC Legislative Summit and the summer leadership meeting.

Grant Consortium Update:

Upcoming opportunity: Full Service Community Schools (FSCS).

Vicki noted that this grant is likely to become available in the next couple of months. [Link to 2021 RFP for Full Service Community Schools](#)

It is highlighted this month because Washington is projecting to give about **200** of these, and the average award was about \$750,000 last time...one of our current districts is getting about a million dollars a year for this wide-ranging program, so it would be good to start thinking about needs in your district for this one. It is a lot of money and can do a very wide range of things for your schools and community. It is very community-focused in support of schools, so it is likely best as a district grant, although some smaller districts in geographic proximity could make a case for being a “community” in the sense they require.

A requirement last time was to expand three existing services and add two new ones from this list:






1. Early Childhood
2. In-school and out-of-school time programs
3. Transitions
4. Family and Community engagement
5. Postsecondary and workforce readiness
6. Community-based support for connectedness and success in postsecondary and workforce
7. Social, health, nutrition, and mental health services and supports
8. Juvenile crime prevention.

Vanessa Kuhn, project coordinator of FSCS at Lindeman Elementary in Erlanger, summarized her work in the program. Vanessa also set up a meeting with the Cincinnati Public Schools FSCS Coordinator at 5/11 that Vicki and Michelle attended.

Grants Awarded

Read to Achieve: Members of our Consortium received three awards for this grant from KDE! Congratulations to Kenton County, Ludlow, and Walton Verona schools.

Grant Opportunities

-  Mentoring for Children Impacted by Opioids and Other Drugs
-  OJJDP Children Exposed to Opioids or Violence
-  ITEST, COPS HIRING, SPORTS4LIFE
-  PEEP
-  eir, spf, sober truth
- Connie described the beginning of a project Campbell County Schools is planning with the University of Cincinnati for the EIR grant. It involves an existing effort at UC being brought to the middle and high school level in Campbell County Schools and fits into priority 4, the one about STEM engagement.
- Michelle mentioned a collaboration between Beechwood and Ft. Thomas in development for Agri-Engineering and said they will be meeting with a University later this week to continue planning.
- [Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities \(WORC\): A Grant Initiative for the Appalachian and Delta Regions](#) (Fleming and Greenup only). These two, our only eligible districts, are discussing a collaborative effort and working with their local partners to begin planning this grant that will support training students for careers in their current geographic areas.

Grants Pending

NSF Racial Equity for STEM Learning

AESA NSF

Preschool Partnership Grant

Support Teacher Engagement and Professional Pipeline (STEPP) Grant

Multi-District Grants in Implementation

- [Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention \(NKISP\)](#): May 17, at 8:30 am, Dr. Amelia Arria discussed *The Adverse Impacts of Cannabis on Adolescents and Young Adults*.
- [Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education \(NKIAE\) PD for Arts Educators](#): NKIAE sponsored the culminating event for this project that has put arts integration front and center for our schools over the last four years. Teachers from eleven districts attended the event at Music Hall for the 10th anniversary of the conductor of the Pops Orchestra, John Morris Russell, who gave a stirring speech to our teachers, in a private reception, in support of the work of teachers, and particularly teachers in the arts.
- [Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education \(NKIAE\) Assistance for Arts Education](#): The project is enrolling for next year. Plans are in place and Joe Bertucci and team are ready to continue the work of supporting excellence in arts education in our schools.

- Project Prevent: Stacie reported that Covington has had the Restorative Practices training and looks forward to implementation next year. They are hiring an MTSS coordinator for the high school, and they have been able to provide materials, social-emotional learning supports, and help with summer programming through this funding.
- Positive Action: This project is currently conducting focus groups for the project evaluation and training trainers to ensure the project can continue beyond the funding period.

Reports Due/Submitted

Project Prevent: 5/15

Full Service Community Schools: 5/31

Project Alert: 7/30

Strategic Prevention Framework, EES: 10/31

Grant Tips and News

- Scheduling for next year: Meetings will be held on the First Thursday of each month at 10:00 in person at the co-op, with zoom in the room as a backup for those who cannot attend in person. Vicki encouraged everyone to try to be in the room as much as possible since networking and brainstorming go so much better that way.
- Vicki shared observations from her review of Javits grants.

Grant News

We will be sending a survey to grant reps to get names for the coming year and assess district needs. If your grant representative is changing, this is the time to help us get the mailing list right and advise us about your hopes for your district's work with the Grants Consortium!

Next Meeting

THURSDAY, June 2, 10:00 AM

In Person

NKCES Grow Room

[Backup meeting at this Zoom link. Please try to attend in person.](#)