

NKCES Report – September 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.

Executive Director Update:

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Learning and Empowerment & IDEA Team Meeting, September 5-7:

Executive Director Amy Razor attended team meetings to share the vision and the NKCES Why with team members. As part of this time, Executive Director Razor took time to listen to feedback to ensure a collaborative culture.

Meeting with Associate Commissioner Woods Tucker, September 9:

As part of the DEIB Series with Randall Sampson a meeting was held to discuss next steps for this work.

KAEC Retreat, September 14-16: Executive Director Razor helped lead the KAEC retreat for all cooperative directors and key statewide leaders. KDE staff members attended to strengthen our collaboration. The theme of the retreat was Deeper Learning as we work together to strengthen the statewide impact.

PBL Steering Committee for KDE, September 21: Executive Director Razor was asked to serve on the statewide PBL steering on behalf of all cooperatives. This conversation included the President of PBL and other key leaders who are involved in this work. KDE is sponsoring this work and opportunities for districts will be free of charge. If a district is interested in this work, it will be a valuable(and affordable) training.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (DEIB) Meeting in Frankfort, September 22: Executive Director Razor traveled to Frankfort to work on a project involving Deeper Learning and DEIB.

PL Consortium, September 23: Executive Director Razor attended the PL Consortium to contribute key information that is beneficial to districts. One item that will be followed up on is the Work Ethic Diploma.

Boone County Conference Call, September 23: Executive Director Razor was requested to join a conference call with Superintendent Turner to update him on the meeting missed in October and other key regional information.

Superintendent Summit, September 28: The KASS Superintendent Summit focused on “Telling Our Story”. Executive Director Razor attended this training and collaborated with other superintendents.

Houchin Meeting on Insurance, September 29: Executive Director Razor met with Houchins to discuss the upcoming open enrollment and enhancements to our plans.

Leadership Meeting, September 19th and October 3: Executive Director Razor holds a weekly meeting with the immediate leadership team to aid in the flow of communication to the team. This time provides valuable communication and collaboration to benefit NKCES.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

September Professional Learning: NKCES supported 124 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during September, serving 833 educators.

PL Consortium: The 22.23 NKCES PL Consortium continued in September with a collaborative meeting. Topics included the [NKCES PL Catalog](#), [Meet Your NKCES Team](#), a September NKCES update, NKCES Learning & Empowerment Update, and a monthly district share-out from Beechwood's Sarah Schobel about Work-Based Learning. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Title I & Title II Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium continued in September with a collaborative meeting. Topics included [NKCES PL Catalog](#), Brustein & Manasevit Training, Carryover Waiver, and Title I District Consolidated Monitoring Checklist Review & Discussion. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES DAC Consortium continued in September with a collaborative meeting. Topics included the [2022 Scott Trimble Workshop](#), Preparing for Quality Control (QC) day and Student Detail. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Professional Learning Networks (PLNs): PLNs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in collaborative environments focused on collective learning. Check out our [22.23 NKCES PLN Dates here](#)

Special Education Update:

The NKCES DoSE Advisory Board met on September 20th. The NKCES DoSE Meeting was held on September 23rd. Topics of discussion included KDE's Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) General Supervision, Risk Assessment Rubric, Emergency/Probationary requirements, etc. Ms. Linda Funke from OSEEL was present to share OSEEL updates.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended OSEEL's DoSE Institute on September 7-9th in Lexington, KY. She shared all of the presentations and materials with the DoSE and encouraged them to thoroughly review the General Supervision Session.

Mrs. Becky Nixon led the Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) State Directors Meeting on September 13th. OSEEL was present and shared updates and upcoming important dates.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Preschool Fall Leadership Meeting on September 21st in Lawrenceburg, KY. Topics of discussion included Program and Accountability, Assessment and Data, Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process, etc.

Mrs. Becky Nixon submitted a grant application for the FY23 American Rescue Plan Transition Grant (ARP TG) that was due on September 22nd. This grant offers funding for the SERTACs in developing a program to support districts in providing learning opportunities to overcome the challenges of the Covid pandemic as it relates to post-secondary transition. Awardees will be posted to KDEs website on or around October 25th.

Ms. Amanda Bell and Dr. Merissa Waddey kicked off the regional book study on *Better than Carrots or Sticks: Restorative Practices for Positive Classroom Management* on Sept. 22nd. They have 42 registrants across 10 districts. This study supports our Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) work on significant disproportionality, as well as best practices in behavior management.

The SERTAC team continued coaching and support for new teachers across the region, including IEP Training for New Teachers on Sept. 22nd and individual coaching sessions throughout the month.

The SERTAC team attended OSEELs General Supervision Training on September 27th. This training was held virtually and was facilitated by Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE).

Mrs. Becky Nixon, Ms. Misti Carr, and Dr. Merissa Waddey continued to provide ARC Chair trainings to ARC Chairs in several districts.

Dr. Merissa Waddey facilitated the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children Finance Committee and Executive Board meetings on Sept. 10th. The Board continues to plan the 56th Annual KY Exceptional Children's Conference to be held in Louisville, KY on Nov. 20-22nd.

The IDEA consultants attended their respective monthly state group meetings. Mrs. Becky Nixon continues to lead the state Low Incidence Task Group.

Learning and Empowerment Team:

The Learning and Empowerment team worked with over 200 educators and every NKCES district for 100% regional coverage with our services this month.

The CRRSA team engaged with districts this month through coaching in MTSS, behavior supports and

Writing Across the Curriculum. The team provided two book studies and collaborated with districts on projects including the New Teacher Network, Student Wellness, a Pre-K and Kindergarten teacher cadre and Learning Acceleration. The CRRSA team also attended the state level training of MTSS and Curriculum Development.

The Deeper Learning team held two workshops this month. One workshop was a Deeper Learning Overview and Deeper Learning plan review workshop. The other opportunity was a two-day event for school leaders to dig into Project Based Learning. The Deeper Learning team attended the state level training of MTSS and Curriculum Development and the Deeper Learning statewide Pillar Series.

Mr. Henry Astudillo, NKCES DEI Specialist, hosted the Equity Playbook Training at NKCES and also co-presented with KDE on Cultivating Opportunity-The Power of Courage and Connection. He attended multiple state-wide training sessions on the Equity Playbook and attended a statewide session on the A2 Module. He also attended the state level MTSS and Curriculum Development trainings.

The Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts in Education worked with participating districts this month on their Arts Integration plans. Mr. Bertucci and his team developed eight videos on theater and eight videos on dance for elementary students. Middle and high school videos will be published in the coming months.

The Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention partnered with 10 community organizations and 12 districts this month. They held a Catch my Breath Training, a steering committee meeting and an NKISP Institute Meeting.

The EL team and the Kentucky Center for Mandarin Language and Culture both began to build relationships with students as they settled into schools in districts across Northern Kentucky this month.

Grant Consortium Update:

\$10,000,000+ in grant applications funded this month: Bellevue Schools, approximately \$1.875 million over five years, from Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success; Campbell County Schools, approximately \$3.8 million over four years for Trauma Informed School Services; Covington Independent Public Schools, approximately \$680,000 over three years for Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioids; NKCES on behalf of Bellevue, Boone County, Carroll County, Dayton, Grant County, Kenton County, Ludlow, Pendleton County, Southgate, and Williamstown, \$3.88 million over four years for Trauma Informed School Services. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to put these plans in place! Much more news in months will be coming soon about exciting developments with these more than \$10 million total investments in the youth and schools of Northern Kentucky.

Collaborative Grants Submitted: Full Service Community Schools, two applications (Covington/Newport; NKCES on behalf of Bellevue, Campbell County, Dayton, and Ludlow). Project Prevent: Williamstown/Grant County.

Grants available or in progress:

[KDE Grants](#) Math Achievement Fund and 21st CCLC
[School Based Mental Health Services Grant](#)
[Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant](#)
[SLTT Cyber Grant](#)
[STEM Research Grants - Society for Science](#)

We will discuss these opportunities and more on March 13 at our 10:00 AM meeting at the co-op's Grow Room.

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

RSP welcomed NKU students back for the fall; they started in mid-September. They will be in the building every Friday until the end of their semester and put on a fall festival for students in November.

RSP is excited to have officially started our partnership with Navigo! We currently have two students working with them.

We are still working with Americorp on recruiting for a KCC-Coach staff member to work with students on post-secondary transition readiness.

RSP brought back our monthly clubs in September. This was something we have not done since pre-Covid.