

Kentucky Board of Education
June 4, 2014
Report from the Secretary
Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

- 1) Melissa Aguilar has been hired to fill the vacant Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. Melissa has many years of experience as Director of Workforce Development and as a consultant in this field in West Virginia
- 2) Staffing is nearly complete for the organization that will manage the \$43.7M Race-to-the Top grant that was awarded to the Early Childhood Advisory Council. This grant will be utilized to create a comprehensive quality rating system for Pre-K day care centers in Kentucky.
- 3) The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program has registered 1104 outstanding high school students, a record number for Kentucky and largest program of its kind in the nation. The Governor's Scholars Program is in its 31st year of programming.
- 4) KET has produced another outstanding educational program titled Safe and Sound: Raising Emotionally Healthy Children in a Stressful World. The program explores why social and emotional development is so important in the first years of life. The video can be viewed at KET.org/health/safe-and-sound.htm.
- 5) The Kentucky Environmental Education Council co-hosted with the Kentucky Education Council its 7th Annual Environmental Youth Summit in cooperation with the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools program. Middle and high schools in Kentucky participate to help students engage in active learning and implement sustainable environmental projects at their schools. Approximately 300 students, faculty and parents attended the April 24th conference.