**Executive Director’s Report – August 2014**

**NKCES New Board of Director Members**

NKCES welcomes Dr. Cynthia Reed, College of Education and Human Services, NKU to the Board. We are looking forward to continued collaboration and enhancement of educational opportunities with NKU as a result of the Dr. Reed’s leadership and commitment to our region.

In addition, Sister Margret Stallmeyer will join our board representing Gateway Community and Technical College. We are also looking forward to our continued positive relationship with Gateway.

Mr. Robb Smith, new Superintendent of the Bellevue Independent School District is also joining our Board.

**Summer Recap of Professional Learning Opportunities**

Summer 2014 has been an extremely busy time for NKCES collaborating with external support agencies hosting and sponsoring “professional learning opportunities” for various groups. Listed below is a brief recap of the opportunities provided

* NWEA Map Institute (Climbing the Data Ladder and Student Growth Goals) 48 Participants over two days
* Title One Directors Summer Update
* State Joint ISLN/KLA Conference
* KDE Digital Training (30 Participants over two days)
* Para Educator Conference (271 Participants over 1 week)
* Orton Gillingham Training (34 Participants; One Day)
* NKCES Summer Institute (332 Participants over 1 week)
* Springboard (45 Participants; One week, Math English Language Arts)
* KSBA Board Member Training (20 Board of Education Members)
* Pilot Data Retreat (Erlanger Elsmere District)
* Redbook Update (29 Participants)

**REL Opportunities**

NKCES partnered with the REL leadership to continue planning for opportunities for research and support to local school districts. These opportunities include fall webinars reflecting a variety of topics as well as a Student Engagement Survey Workshop in September. In addition, NKCES participated with REL leadership at a reception for superintendents and district administrators at KASA.

**Content Leadership Networks**

Content Leadership Networks in Science and Social Studies in addition to ISLN will begin meeting in September. Thank you to the districts submitting names of representatives to these professional learning communities. Email distribution lists are created reflecting membership to each network and email reminders are sent to participants prior to each meeting. Please notify NKCES if revisions to the membership lists are needed throughout the school year in order to keep accurate email distribution lists for the networks.

**PD Consortia**

The focus of the PD Consortia for the 2014-2015 will be to plan and design opportunities as identified in the NKCES Strategic Plan. Other opportunities identified by local districts will be shared. Thank you for members for your assistance and participation with this important committee.

**Future Professional Learning Opportunities**

Regional EL Professional Learning Community – August 28 – Erlanger Ensor Annex

September 30-October 1 – Instructional Coaches Institute – Ralph Rush Center