

Kentucky Board of Education
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Report from the Secretary
Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

1. The Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC) received a \$10,000 grant from Toyota supporting KEEC's Professional Environmental Educator Certification course. KEEC will use the money to provide scholarships to K-12 environmental educators who teach students that are currently underserved by environmental education efforts.
2. Kentucky was chosen as one of fourteen states to participate in the National Governor's Association (NGA) Policy Academy on Aligning the Education and Training Pipeline to the Needs of the Economy. Kentucky will receive \$170,000 for ongoing technical assistance from the NGA Center for Best Practices.
3. The "No College=Low Wages" report by the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) showed that even three years after graduation, of the students who entered the state's workforce and did not attend college, only one in three were working full time.
4. The Opportunity Youth Summit: First Lady Jane Beshear is hosting the Summit which will be held on November 17 and 18 at the Marriott East in Louisville, Kentucky. It will focus on the changes in youth services (14-24) outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act as well as have breakout sessions highlighting promising strategies around serving in-school youth, out-of-school youth, employer engagement and performance and reporting. We encourage local school district leadership and employees focused on youth transition issues to attend. If interested, the registration link is: <https://opportunityyouthsummit.wufoo.com/forms/2014-opportunity-youth-summit-registration/>. The room reservation link is: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-ravel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=The%20Opportunity%20Youth%20Summit%5Esdfls%60kcrkra%60109.00%60USD%60false%6011/17/14%6011/18/14%6010/20/14&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes