



## Executive Director's Report – December 2015

**5 year Vision:** *NKCES will be a trusted partner with local school districts and the learning community to research and apply innovative 21st Century practices by leveraging resources, developing strategic alliances and inspiring powerful leadership while providing exemplary customized services to districts, communities and our students.*

**Audit:** The auditor met with me on October 26<sup>th</sup> in regard to key findings from last year. We are still waiting on the final audit and a full report will be shared with the NKCES board at the conclusion of audit.

**NKCES WEBPAGE:** We are working with KSBA to open up our board meeting site for public viewing. Please continue to share any feedback so that the site best serves your district needs. We would love for [districts to consider placing a link to our website](#) on your district site for easy access.

**Representing Region:** I am spending time working on the internal structure of NKCES and also introducing myself/our work at regional meetings such:

- ✓ Dayton: Shared Early Childhood START NOW for Leadership Team
- ✓ Brighton Center: Meet with Executive Director and regional committee in regard to mental health support for students/resources for students
- ✓ AESA Conference (Association of Educational Service Agencies)
- ✓ TOYOTA follow-up meetings
- ✓ CINSAM: I have been asked to serve on their NGSS Board if grant is awarded
- ✓ Children's Home of NKY: Fundraiser Event
- ✓ NKU: Key Leadership meeting to brainstorm ideas for grant for regional support
- ✓ Carnegie Learning: Digital Learning Summit Follow-up Conference
- ✓ KDE Meeting: Early Childhood Summit held in Frankfort
- ✓ Met with NKAGE Leadership
- ✓ CINSAM: Working with CINSAM to coordinate PLCs with College of Arts
- ✓ NGSS Leadership: Met with experts to begin planning for workshop
- ✓ Professional Learning Consortium Meeting with district reps
- ✓ Met with KDE Instructional Specialists, Hallie Booth, Chris Couch, Kelly Stidham, along with Dr. Weaver NKU Facilitator for ISLN
- ✓ ISLN Meeting with District Instructional Supervisors and Principals
- ✓ Working with key stakeholders to gather needs/ideas for support during meetings
- ✓ KDE LIASON:
  - Early Childhood Summit: Attended this meeting to give district input on plan/agenda

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- Monthly Conference call with Karen Kidwell in regard to NKCES & KDE Expectations
- ✓ KASA Principal Design

**Professional Learning Consortium:** The PL Consortium met on November 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed professional learning opportunities. The focus of the PL Consortia for the 2015-2016 will be to plan and design opportunities: One specific need already identified is beginning PLCs for specific groups. This may be a critical area that we can get “moving” right away for the region.

1. Dr. Detwiler has volunteered to be the PLC lead for the Arts and Humanities PLC. We will be meeting with NKU and Kennedy Arts to partner for regional needs/professional learning of this group.
2. It was a consensus that this group would like to meet every month vs. 4 times a year. This would allow topics to be addressed beyond professional learning needs that the group identifies and also would provide a way to “grow” from each other’s knowledge and experiences. We also elected Chad Molley as chair of the group and he will work with the reps from each district to set the monthly agenda.
3. NGSS Leadership Academy: I am working with regional/state experts to put together a leadership NGSS 101 workshop for our region in February/March.
4. We need to also discuss in-depth summer needs (i.e. would a regional summer academy help in meeting teacher needs?) One consensus was the need to do a “new teacher boot camp” in late August/September.

**NASCAR and NASA Partnership:** Dr. Detwiler and I had a conference call with NASA and they are working to create professional learning events for our region. The culminating event for teachers and students who participate will be a ticket to Speedway (\$150.00value). Here are the tentative dates 4-6pm ET:

**A) Aerodynamics and Bernoulli’s Principles – Marilé Colón Robles**

January 14<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Teachers  
 January 19<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Teachers  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> – High School Teachers

**B) Point of Balance Calculations – Rosemary Smith presenter**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Elementary  
 February 9<sup>th</sup> – Middle School  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> – High School

**C) Physical Fitness of drivers/astronauts – Marilé Colón Robles presenter**

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Elementary  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> – Middle School  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> – High School

**D) Engineering Design Challenges – Rosemary Smith presenter**

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Elementary  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> – Middle School  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> – High School



**Maintenance/Cleaning Position:** We have hired a maintenance/custodian to replace Jani-King’s services. Tim Hines joins the NKCES Team on December 1<sup>st</sup> and brings with him 20plus years of service in this field.

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**Regional School Meeting:** RSP meeting to discuss goals for next year is scheduled on December 15<sup>th</sup>. **Superintendents are encouraged to attend.** The regional school committee will discuss goals for the future of the program and requested the committee help by brainstorming possibilities as a plan is made for the 2016-17 school year.

- **SERVICE PROJECT:** A meeting was held to brainstorm possible RSP Service project with NKCES staff for the holidays. If interested in details or participating, please let me know.
- **Update on Facility:** Houston will be completing the work to cover the rooftop that is exposed prior to winter. Also, we continue to do minor updates to the building that will maintain the facility and provide the best possible learning and working environment for the region at the current location.

**Gifted and Talented:** NKCES was approached by NKAGE to discuss the potential for NKCES to oversee NKAGE. The regional kick-off meeting will be December 17<sup>th</sup> and we encourage all districts to have representation (we would love to have 100% representation to show our support of NKAGE's work in our region for students).

**Dr. Reed has initiated a meeting** with NKCES and NKU to explore the possibility of a collaboration effort on grant. The group has met several times to discuss goals/targets as this grant has a short turn-around.

**Content Leadership Networks:** Content Leadership Networks in Science and Social Studies in addition to ISLN are currently underway and are coordinated through NKCES for KDE. 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.