

**Kentucky Board of Education**  
**February 3, 2016**  
**Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

- February 12, 2016 – Council offices, Conference Room A, Frankfort
- April 14-15, 2016 – Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green
- June 2-3, 2016 – Union College, Barbourville

**Strategic Agenda Update**

Over the last 12 months, CPE staff has conducted a series of meetings, policy forums and town halls, involving hundreds of Kentuckians including internal and institutional staff, subject matter experts, legislators, policymakers, Kentucky Department of Education staff and key stakeholders to plan and devise Kentucky's 2016-21 statewide strategic agenda. As the project nears to a close, CPE would like to thank everyone for their consultation and involvement in the process. The agenda will be formally presented for adoption by the Council at the February meeting.

**Other CPE Initiatives**

**Kentucky Rising Update**

CPE staff continues to work collaboratively with KDE, EPSB and other agencies and business on Kentucky Rising efforts. The Early Childhood Education Advisory Board met on December 17, 2015 where CPE President Bob King presented an overview of Kentucky Rising. On January 12, the steering committee and the Teacher Preparation work group met. All groups will develop an execution plan by the end of July 2016 including defined outcomes, identified obstacles, finances needed, and responsible party for implementation.

**'Game Changers' Is Topic of Student Success Summit and Is Set for April 4-5**

Planning is underway for the next Student Success Summit, set for April 4-5 at the Louisville Marriott East. Confirmed speakers include Freeman Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland, Baltimore County and chair of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans and Blane Harding, director of the Center for Student Cultural Diversity at University of Nevada, Reno. The theme of the Summit, "Student Success Game Changers: Practical and Proven Strategies for Elevating Your Student Success Game," points to the pragmatic advice to be offered during sessions focused on data-supported strategies for increasing student success.

**Applications Now Open for GUK 2016 Summer Academy**

GEAR UP Kentucky will host four summer academies on a college campus in June and July as follows:

- Western Kentucky University, June 26 – July 16
- Morehead State University, June 26 – July 16 (tentative)
- University of Kentucky, July 10 – July 30
- University of Louisville, July 10 – July 30 (rising juniors only)

Students once again have the opportunity to participate in a three-week, residential college experience this summer at no cost. The application deadline is February 26. More information and the online application form can be found on <http://gearupky.org> (click on 2016 Summer Academy tab).

**SAVE THE DATE: Teacher/Leader Academy Returns July 11-14, 2016**

GEAR UP Kentucky is bringing back the highly popular Teacher/Leader Academy in summer 2016. The Academy is designed as a four-day professional development offering for core content teachers and district leadership. The 2016 Academy focuses on the theme "Using Inquiry to Address Rigor and Student Engagement: Connecting Community and Content Standards." Each GUK middle and high school will be invited to identify at least two teacher leaders in the content areas of math, ELA and/or science. Through a series of workshops and guided curriculum planning, participants will identify expected instructional shifts necessary to implement the Kentucky Academic Standards and explore strategies to engage all students in meeting the challenges of rigorous learning. The Academy is tentatively planned to take place in Lexington; further details regarding logistics and registration will be available in March.