



Executive Director's Report – March 2016

Beechwood
Independent

Bellevue
Independent

Bracken County

Covington
Independent

Dayton
Independent

Erlanger-Elsmere
Independent

Ft. Thomas
Independent

Gateway
Community &
Technical College

Kenton County

Ludlow
Independent

Newport
Independent

Northern Kentucky
University

Pendleton
Independent

Silver Grove
Independent

Southgate
Independent

Walton-Verona
Independent

Williamstown
Independent

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.

Our Collective Impact: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of NKCES

On May 5th at 6:30pm, we will be celebrating the anniversary of NKCES' 30 years of collectively impacting our region for students. We will be featuring Dr. Roger Cleveland, a dynamic speaker on Student Equity, and Gracie, a motivating 21st Century Learner, to take a closer look at the question, "What impacts student learning?" Please mark this event on your calendar and promote the opportunity within your district. This event will be in partnership with NKU and will be hosted at their new Digitorium! We are looking forward to a fabulous evening--more details coming soon. Please mark this event on your calendar and promote the opportunity within your district. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening!

Regional School Programs: Districts are returning signed copies of agreement so that the planning for 2016-17 School year can continue.

Audit: NKCES recently received a copy of the audit and the auditor will be at our March meeting to share the results and answer questions.

NKCES WEBPAGE: We would love for districts to consider placing a link to our website on your district site for easy access. I sent a request to each district's instructional staff so that they could forward to the correct person.

Update on Facility: As mentioned at a previous meeting, SHP has offered to provide free services to help us in our decision making process in regard to the building. SHP Leading Design will spend the month of March reviewing existing facility information and preparing and analyzing four potential development scenarios relative to future facility opportunities for the NKCES Administrative offices, professional development/training spaces and the alternative school. Their effort will include opinions on cost and the overall feasibility of each scenario – ultimately providing NKCES with the information necessary to make a well-informed decision pertaining to the short-term and long-term viability of their facilities in a 21st Century educational environment.

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An RFP would be created before any work would be completed.

Houston completed the work to cover the rooftop with more insulating plastic so that the opening is not exposed through the winter. This was a minor cost (\$4500) that will get us through the next few months until a plan is made for the future of NKCES' location.

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.

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

- ✓ Attended AASA in Phoenix
- ✓ Attended Orange Frog Workshop in Boone County
- ✓ Attended P.O.P Tour in Covington
- ✓ Helped organize ISLN and requested Policy expert from KDE on SB1
- ✓ Met with Rhonda Caldwell to discuss possible partnerships/opportunities for NKCES/KASA
- ✓ Meeting with Dean Reed to discuss NKCES and NKU Partnership
- ✓ Collaborating with Commissioner's Office to schedule Town Hall Meeting
- ✓ Brief meeting with President Mearns at NKU Fundraiser
- ✓ Grant Consortium Meeting
- ✓ Met with NKAGE Leadership
- ✓ Attended KSBA Conference
- ✓ Met with Skyward and United Way about future partnerships
- ✓ Met with KDE Instructional Specialists, Hallie Booth, Chris Couch, Kelly Stidham, along with Dr. Weaver NKU Facilitator for ISLN
- ✓ Working with key stakeholders to gather needs/ideas for support during meetings

Orange Frog Workshop

NKCES is pleased to announce we are hosting an **Orange Frog** Training, Friday, March 25, 2016 from 8 am–4 pm, at Ralph Rush Center, Boone County Schools.

The message is powerful, and with so many continued pressures in education the timing of this message is perfect! This Orange Frog Workshop will be facilitated by certified trainers Connie Crigger and Mike Wilson. Since we have regional trainers, we are able to pass on the savings to you, too! The cost will be \$400 and this includes all of your materials. You can check out the materials and other key details at this link: <http://orangefrogbook.com/home/>. We would love for you to come and help **spread orange** throughout our region! **We hope that we can count on you to help spread the word for this training:** [Register for Orange Frog Workshop](#)

Town Hall Meetings with Commissioner Pruitt on New Accountability System

Northern Kentucky Town Hall, April 25th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom, Kenton Drive, Highland Heights, KY.

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In order to gather feedback across the state from a variety of audiences on a new accountability system to meet the requirements of the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act, I will be conducting public forums over the next couple of months. We are in the process of confirming the dates but are thinking there would be ten of them with the time for each being in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. local time. Locations we are considering are Shelbyville, Campbellsville, Owensboro, Hazard, Lexington, Corbin, Kenton County (Northern KY), Ashland, Murray and Louisville. All feedback will be captured and considered as we shape the new system over the next 18 months. Once we have the specific schedule, it will be sent to you. Help us get the word out on these as you talk with schools and districts and interact with people in your communities.

NGSS ACADEMY: I am working with CINSAM and other local science experts to host an Academy for administrators that will review basics of the new standards and provide helpful tools/information for successful implementation.

NKCES P.O.P. Tours (problem of practice tours)

[P.O.P. and Successful Strategies Compilation](#)

What are the strategies and next steps that are being implemented to build continuous improvement for PLC work for our schools?

April 14th Topic: Thinking Strategies

Brief Description: Come experience “The Bellevue Classroom” and our 4 cornerstones for understanding: Community, Academic Discourse, Thinking Strategies, and Gradual Release of Responsibility in a Workshop Model.

Date & Time: April 14th 8:30-11:30 am

Location: Grandview Elementary & Bellevue MS/HS

May 3rd Topic: iLEAD Academy

Brief Description: Come experience iLEAD Academy where students design their schedule and choose how, what, when, and where they will learn. Explore an academy where students participate in four years of progressive work-based learning experiences and develop the skills to succeed in every workplace.

Date & Time: May 3rd 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: iLEAD Academy

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT NKCES

In an effort to provide collaboration between educators to impact student instruction, NKCES is adding new groups to the list of available PLCs for our region. These groups will be self-guided as the groups set their own agenda and share ideas, resources and collaborate to enhance instruction.

New PLC Meetings Scheduled for this semester include: World Language, Gifted and Talented, Professional Learning, Counselors, Arts and Humanities, Physical Education

We have been asked to begin the following groups and so we will extend a meeting time to see if there is any interest: New Teachers, Title One Coordinators, Principals and Psychologists

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Looking forward to growing our opportunities to collaborate professionally!

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 (\$150.00 value). Here are the tentative dates 4-6 pm:

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

March 8th – Elementary

March 15th – Middle School

March 22nd – High School

2) Engineering Design Challenges – Rosemary Smith presenter

April 5th – Elementary

April 19th – Middle School

April 26th – High School