



## Executive Director's Report – March 2016

**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.*

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

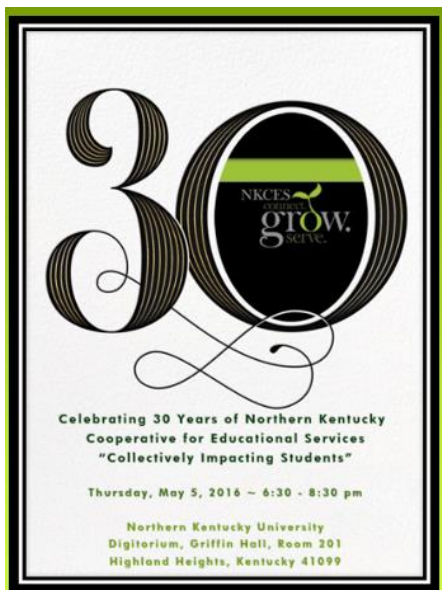
Silver Grove  
Independent

Southgate  
Independent

Walton-Verona  
Independent

Williamstown  
Independent

### Our Collective Impact: Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NKCES:



**REGISTER TODAY at this link:** [NKCES CELEBRATION](#)

Join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of NKCES-- collectively impacting our region for students! We will be featuring Dr. Cleveland, a dynamic speaker on Student Equity and Gracie, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner, to take a closer look at the question, "What impacts student learning?" with NKU Partner as our partner. Please mark this event on your calendar. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening!

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 6:30p.m.**  
**Digitorium, Griffin Hall**

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

**NKCES Intent to Participate:** Districts have been given their intent to participate in NKCES for the 2016-17 school year. Thanks to the districts who have already returned signed copies of agreement so that the planning for 2016-17 School year can continue.

**Budget:** NKCES is evaluating current budgets and preparing draft budgets for your review.

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

- ✓ Attended majority of District End of the Year Meetings
- ✓ Attended Orange Frog Workshop in Boone County
- ✓ Attended P.O.P Tour in Bellevue
- ✓ Met with HOPE Street Fellows to review data
- ✓ Met with PEBC consultants for dinner to discuss regional benefits
- ✓ Supported EdCamp by preparing giveaways for teachers, breakfast items and by taking members of the NKCES to help with set-up on Saturday morning.
- ✓ Fort Thomas Dinner and School Tour: Digital Conversion
- ✓ Met with Julie Hawkins to discuss possible partnerships/opportunities for NKCES/KASA
- ✓ Met with Liz Storey to discuss NISL partnership with NKCES
- ✓ Attended Dean's Council Dinner at NKU
- ✓ Attended Senior Forum for OVR grant: Rohan Murphy
- ✓ Meeting with Dean Reed to discuss NKCES and NKU Partnership
- ✓ Attended Legislative Session in Frankfort with NKY Superintendents
- ✓ Collaborating with Commissioner's Office to schedule Town Hall Meeting
- ✓ Attended presentation that was given by President Mearns on Financial concerns for higher education
- ✓ Attended Dreamfest and NKCES assisted with this event
- ✓ Attended Science CLN Celebration for teachers
- ✓ Orange Frog Workshop
- ✓ Attended Pre-K Works meeting in Covington
- ✓ Attended NKYEC Board meeting at Central Bank
- ✓ Conference Call with Daniel Puder: My Life My Power
- ✓ 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:** The Orange Frog Workshop was a great success with 7 districts and NKCES Team members joining together to learn about the Happiness Advantage. Please let NKCES know if you are interested in a future training to learn how positive psychology can promote success in your district. We appreciate Boone County's partnership to positively impact our region! 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 is \$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 help **spread orange** throughout our region!

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**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30 am **Location:** Grandview Elementary & Bellevue MS/HS

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am-2:00 pm **Location:** iLEAD Academy

**ISLN will be held on APRIL 22, 2016 at Gateway:** Many districts are planning for "next steps" in curriculum alignment & refinement. The professional learning consortium requested a time to share out documents, tools, processes, resources, etc. to support this process. We recognize that everyone is at different places in the process and will bring different levels of expertise to the discussion. However, everyone's participation is needed and appreciated! The questions below were presented by the group as areas of focus. Please take time to reflect on these questions prior to ISLN on April 22 and be prepared to share so that we can build our internal capacity as a region! **Please bring samples, resources, tools, etc. to share with our group.** Please let me know if you are willing to share with the group so that we can assure that we have some positive-risk takers in our midst!

**NKCES WEBPAGE:** We would love for districts to consider placing a link to our website on your district site for easy access to professional learning opportunities!

**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 Teacher Academy: The Professional Learning Consortium has requested that a summer session be created for new teachers with follow-up sessions throughout the year to provide support and build regional capacity in our beginning educators.
- Arts & Humanities, Practical Living: The Professional Learning Consortium has requested that a beginning of the school year event be organized to provide a differentiated learning experience for this group of educators.
- New PLC Meetings Scheduled for this semester include: World Language, Gifted and Talented, Professional Learning, Counselors, Arts and Humanities, Physical Education

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- 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

✚ **P.O.P. Tour: PEBC Visit "The Bellevue Classroom":** *It's not too late to RSVP to join our group this Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am-11:30a.m.*

✚ **Register for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** *Please take time to register for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and invite a few of your colleagues. Dr. Cleveland and Gracie will be sure to provide inspiration as we take a closer look at what impacts student learning in NKY! Register Today: [30th Anniversary Celebration for NKCES Registration Link](#)*

✚ **Register for the NKY Town Hall Meeting:** *Share this link today! Encourage your district and community to be in attendance at the Town Hall Meeting to let Dr. Pruitt hear the NKY voice!*

[EDUCATION TOWN HALL MEETING: HOW DOES KENTUCKY DEFINE SCHOOL SUCCESS?](#)

✚ **Professional Learning Consortium:** *Send any agenda items for our Professional Learning Consortium Meeting to Chad or Amy. Please make sure to have a final answer on participation in the national speaker event for your district.*

**Update on Facility:** SHP has offered to provide free services to help us in our decision making process in regard to the building. SHP Leading Design met with the Executive Committee (facility committee) to share four potential development scenarios relative to future facility decisions for the NKCES Administrative offices, professional development/training spaces and the alternative school. Their effort include options 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational environment. **An RFP would be created before any work would be completed.**