



Executive Director's Report – May 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.*

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:

- ✓ Attended majority of District End of the Year Meetings
- ✓ Attended steering committee for Pre-K Works as requested by Dr. Votruba
- ✓ Attended "Friends of Superintendent's Summit" with Commissioner
- ✓ Conference Call with Skyward/United Way in regard to Early Childhood Regional Summit
- ✓ Attended P.O.P Tour in Bellevue with 7 districts
- ✓ Met with Fort Thomas and Walton Verona to discuss Curriculum Alignment
- ✓ Contacted Commissioner to request NKY Involvement w/\$7,500,000 Preschool Funds
- ✓ Met with Liz Storey to Coordinate NKY NISL Project
- ✓ Conference call with HOPE Street Fellows to discuss Learning Forward Opportunity
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Contacted President Mearns to invite him to our 30th Anniversary Event
- ✓ Attended Pre-K Works meeting in Covington
- ✓ Attended NKYEC Board meeting at Central Bank and attended Ed Dinner
- ✓ Working with key stakeholders to gather needs/ideas for support during meetings
- ✓ ISLN Liaison to share Curriculum Resources to build and sustain capacity.
- ✓ GCIPL Meeting: Worked with Helen Carrol and Prichard Committee to organize meeting
- ✓ Conference Call with Dr. Wisniewski, RTI
- ✓ Rob Johnston Contact for PISA
- ✓ Worked with stakeholders to write script and create video for future publicizing our work

Our Collective Impact: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of NKCES:

Thanks for joining us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of NKCES-- collectively impacting our region for students! We hope you were inspired by Dr. Cleveland and Gracie as we took a closer look at "What impacts student learning?" As always, you can feel the synergy in the room as our leaders visited with each other and joined together to recognize the foundation of our past 30 years and look forward to our growth as a region to impact student learning.

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!

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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

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

Regional School Programs:

- Our site visit for Alternative School of Distinction went very well & we have already received positive feedback in regard to our authentic program through a collaborative effort. Thanks to the districts who were represented—this truly was impressive to the interviewing group from the state.
- Districts are returning signed copies of agreement so that the planning for 2016-17 School year can continue.

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

- The Bellevue POP Tour was a huge success! We had over 7 districts participate for a total of approximately 15+ educators. We began the tour by loading onto the awaiting school bus which provided a time for the group to talk and ask questions as we drove to the schools. The visit began with Superintendent Smith sharing his vision and the work around PEBC in their schools. We then visited classrooms in small groups to see the PEBC framework in action with students leading the academic discourse within classroom cultures that fostered student led learning/questioning/discussion. The tour concluded with a panel discussion of key teachers and leaders that were able to answer the groups' questions as we reflected on our visit. To say the least, it was a great day in Bellevue for our P.O.P. Tour!
- We had a small group visit iLEAD Academy on May 3 where students design their schedule and choose how, what, when, and where they will learn. They enjoyed the visit and were inspired to explore an academy where students participate in four years of progressive work-based learning experiences and develop the skills to succeed in every workplace.

ISLN (APRIL) 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. Everyone did a fabulous job of sharing their resources and supporting each other as we are all in different places in the process yet bring different experiences/tools to the table that are all valued. We have captured all resources that were shared and have them uploaded in this live binder for future reference: [NKCES: Building Capacity Curriculum LiveBinder](#) (Key: NKCES)

EL Meeting: This group has been meeting to discuss a funding structure for 20-16=17 and service needs. They will be having another meeting to discuss possibilities to support the requirements of the program/meeting student needs

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CONSORTIUM

Regional PLC Design (see attachment): 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.

Summer PL Opportunities:

- 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.

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- Arts & Humanities, Practical Living: BE INSPIRED! 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.
- Northern Kentucky Math Institute with Carnegie/Fort Thomas
- Tom Vander Ark: Smart Cities Opportunity

Update on Facility: SHP has provided free services and created an exceptional presentation 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 21st Century educational environment. **An RFP would be created before any work would be completed.** **After the presentation the board asked me to meet with Dr. Poe to review the proposals and this meeting was held on May 5th.*

Pre-K Works Steering Committee: I am working with this group and have contacted Commissioner Pruitt to discuss the recent \$7,500,000 in funding for preschool. As the decision is still in developmental stages as to how these funds will be allocated, I have shared with the commissioner that NKY has many examples of success and we would be willing to help with initial discussions as advocates for early childhood.

Grant's Consortium: This group has been very active in the past month and has many grants in the works. I have been meeting with the group when available and also meeting with Vicki Dansberry to discussion resources, needs and appropriate measures for the suggested projects.

RTI CONFERENCE CALL: Dr. Poe connected me with Dr. Wisniewski with RTI(Research Triangle Institute) and I shared our PLC Design for 2016-17 and they are interested in exploring funding for a partnership to help us grow our PLCs and they would use this project as a research project for RTI on the impact of building/sustaining professional learning.