



Executive Director's Report – June 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:

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- ✓ Collaborated with PLC groups to plan summer professional learning
- ✓ Met with Orange Frog Team to discuss future training in Newport Independent and region
- ✓ RSP Site Visit from KDE and Graduation Ceremony
- ✓ BE INSPIRED: Met with Committee to publish event
- ✓ Met with Matt Kirby to discuss Apex and benefits to students
- ✓ Met with Superintendent Brewer to discuss doctorate project
- ✓ Attended Assessment Committee Meeting on behalf of Superintendent Kirchner
- ✓ Conference Call with Skyward/United Way in regard to Early Childhood Regional Summit
- ✓ Walton Verona Curriculum Alignment: 3 Day Professional Learning Event
- ✓ Contacted Commissioner to request NKY Involvement w/\$7,500,000 Preschool Funds
- ✓ Met with Tom Shelton along with State Cooperative Directors with our NKY Team (Dr. Reed and Dr. Allen): 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 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
- ✓ Conference Call with Dr. Wisniewski, RTI
- ✓ Rob Johnston: Meeting to discuss PISA-based assessment

Collaborating with Hope Street: The state-wide institute for KY Fellows with Learning Forward will be held in Covington on June 15th. Limited spots have been given to River City Districts' teachers.

THE FUND: A joint meeting with Dr. Reed and THE FUND was held to look at opportunities to partner with NKCES on a regional event for 2016-17 school year.

NKCES Strategic Planning: We are currently gathering input from the NKCES Team and using our regional data to create a focused plan for regional support. This draft will serve as a base for the Leadership Retreat on June 16 in Louisville. The plan will be shared with all board members for input and revisions will be made prior to September 1, 2016.

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Districts have been given their intent to participate in NKCES for the 2016-17 school year. Thanks to the Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone, Dayton, Erlanger-Elsmere, Fort Thomas, Ludlow, Newport, Pendleton, Southgate, Walton-Verona districts that 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.
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Curriculum LiveBinder: We have captured all curriculum resources(including the Walton 3 day PL) 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. A plan was agreed upon and a teacher has been secured to provide optimal support to meet requirements of the program/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. We have created a logic model to aid in the securing of resources and provide a brief synopsis of the outcomes of the work together as a region.

Summer PL Opportunities

Peer Observation Training: June 23rd

Para Ed Conference: June 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th

Arts & Humanities, Practical Living BE INSPIRED!: July 18th

New Teacher Academy: July Kick-off

Northern Kentucky Math Institute with Carnegie/Fort Thomas: July 28th

KASA – Certified Evaluation Training: August 2nd & 3rd

Peer Observation Training: August 17th

Instructional Coach Kick-off: August 29th

Tom Vander Ark (Smart Cities Opportunity): Kick-off Aug 30th; Group Session Oct. 4th; Workshop Nov. 8th

Update on Facility: A Facilities committee will be put together to recommend a plan for future renovations. The draft plan will be shared with NKCES Board members in September. Mrs. Razor will also meet with Houston Restoration to discuss the brick work for immediate repair.

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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!

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. We have held multiple conference calls with the NKCES Team to look at funding opportunities and have created a visual/synopsis of this work.

RFPs for Audit, Attorney and Bank Services: We have accepted RFPs for auditor, attorney and bank services and have created a chart to review services offered and costs. This information will be shared with entire group and recommendation of Executive Board will be given to board at June Meeting.