



1 Register Now for the Tools for Dropout Prevention Webinar: The Early Warning and Persistence to Graduation Tools in Infinite Campus

December 1, 2016, Webinar, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The Division of Student Success will hold a webinar focused on dropout prevention on Thursday, December 1 at 10:00-11:00 am ET. This webinar will highlight two tools to help districts and schools identify students at risk for dropping out of school. While the *Persistence to Graduation* tool has been available for some time, KDE partnered with Infinite Campus to create the new *Early Warning* tool that applies a more robust model with more data points to better predict students at risk of dropping out. Since both tools are available for use, we will clarify differences and share the strengths and limitations of the tools to better inform staff. During this webinar, helpful tips and strategies will be presented on ways schools can apply these tools to intervene early in the lives of students to promote persistence to graduation. To be informed of additional resources and learning opportunities, you may join Persistence to Graduation list serve: <http://lsv.uky.edu/archives/persistence-to-graduation.html>. For questions, contact Judi Vanderhaar at judi.vanderhaar@education.ky.gov.

[Click here to register for the webinar link.](#)

2 NKU Think Tank: Dr. Crystal Laura

**December 1, 2016 Keynote Address – 6:30 PM &
December 2, 2016 Think Tank Session – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



Dr. Crystal Laura will be on NKU's campus Dec. 1 and 2 as part of the College of Education and Human Services' December 2016 Think Tank to discuss her book, *Being Bad: My Baby Brother and the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, and the link between race, education, and incarceration.

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba
Student Union Ballroom

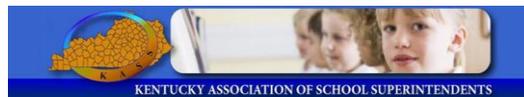
No Cost to Attend: This event is open to the NKU and Greater Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati community and **there is no charge** to participate, but registration is required. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Parking - Parking will be available in the Kenton Garage, near Griffin Hall and the Student Union. See our [campus map/directions](#).

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3 KY Association of School Superintendents



**December 4 – December 7, 2016 Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington, KY 40511
Begins Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 PM, December 5 – 7th 8:00AM-4:30PM**

On Sunday, the 4th, the opening keynote speaker will be Linda Darling-Hammond (President of the Learning Policy Institute and Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University where she is Faculty Director of the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education). Monday, the 5th, will be a time for networking and sharing innovative best practices among our districts and coops in roundtables, panels, and presentations. Tuesday, the 6th, we will host the Commissioner's Annual Superintendent Summit for KDE. Wednesday, the 7th, will be focused on political advocacy and lobbying with comments from Senate and House Leadership along with lobbying training provided for our membership. We will also recognize the 2017 KY Superintendent of the Year on Wednesday with our partners from KASA. The **December 6th Superintendent Summit is for superintendents only.**

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4 REGIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM – CHRISTMAS SHOP



December 7, 2016 Regional School, Cold Spring, KY

Once again NKCES will be hosting the Regional School Programs Christmas Shop on Dec. 7th. The Christmas shop provides an opportunity for students enrolled at Regional School Programs to experience the pleasure of giving back to loved ones during the holiday season.

Students will be paired with a NKCES staff member to help them choose the perfect gift for two preselected recipients. Along with selecting the gifts, students will have the opportunity to wrap their gifts and create a Christmas card. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided for student during their shopping experience.

NKCES staff have been asked to contribute however they can. Whether it be bringing in supplies for the Christmas Shop or making a monetary contribution. Last year we raised over a thousand dollars which allowed for some amazing gifts. We are hoping to meet or exceed that dollar amount to make this year's Christmas Shop even more amazing. For donations contact: Cindy Waden at cindy.waden@nkces.org

5 EdCAMP FOR SCHOOL LEADERS



December 9, 2016 – 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, The Campbell House Lexington

Kentucky's first School Leader EdCamp: For Principals, By Principals will be held on December 9 at the Campbell House Lexington, Hilton Curio Hotel. EdCamp is called an "Unconference." So, this is a Principal Unconference that is developed and driven by other principals. You determine what you want to learn and what you want to do with that learning. The best part is, you will be surrounded by other leaders who desire to learn from others and collaborate the best way they know how. **There are no registration fees.** If you'd like to spend the night, we've blocked a group of rooms to receive a KDE rate.

Invite another Principal and bring a Teacher Leader (or two!) with you and join in on the learning from leaders. If you have any questions about this event, please email or call Jenny Ray in the Office of Teaching and Learning at 606-782-0400.

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6 STATEWIDE ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR NEW SCIENCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Administrators: December 12, 2016 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, Gateway Community College

Teachers: December 13, 2016 – 0:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Gateway Community College



In order to provide common messaging related to the Science Assessment System, KDE has scheduled orientation sessions across the Commonwealth. Each of the sessions is comprised of a half day orientation for administrators and a full day of learning for teachers. KDE recommends one or two administrators from every district attend one of the half-day sessions. It is also recommended that districts send at least one elementary, one middle and one high school teacher to one of the full-day sessions. Teacher who would best serve districts are those who are deeply engaged with the implementation of the science standards and have had prior experience through involvement in the Science Leadership Networks.

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7 KENTUCKY'S NEW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL

Application Deadline for First Cohort December 12, 2016

Kentucky is investing \$1.2 million in a new Leadership Academy for Early Childhood professionals. Two, six-month sessions of the Kentucky Super Stars Leadership Academy will be held in 2017 – the first from January – June and the second from July – December. There is space available for 125 leaders per cohort. Participants will set goals to improve early childhood care and education in their classrooms, schools, and centers, develop personal and professional Leadership Action Plans and work with a mentor to meet their goals. Two Regional Forums and a Statewide Convening will focus on creating the best learning environment for students, implementing instructional strategies proven to increase school readiness, engaging with parents to help them be the most effective teachers of their children, building collaborative community partnerships and mentoring others. There is **no cost** for participants or their employers. **The application deadline for the first cohort is Monday, December 12.** For more information, please contact Andrea Skaggs at OVEC. askaggs@ovec.org, (502) 647-3533, extension 279.

Leaders working in public and private preschools and Kindergartens, Head Start, Early Head Start, and private childcare programs apply at <http://www.ovec.org/7/home>.

8 EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION with ANITA ARCHER

January 5 – 6, 8:30AM-3:30PM Gateway Community & Technical College



<p>Gateway College 500 Technology Way Florence, KY 41042</p>
<p>Thursday, January 05 and Friday, January 06</p>
<p>8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.</p>
<p>MEMBERS: \$25.00 NONMEMBERS: \$100.00</p>
<p>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST LUNCH IS PROVIDED</p>

This highly practical and accessible training gives *Special Education Administrators and Special Education teachers* the tools to implement explicit instruction in any grade level or content area. The authors are leading experts who provide clear guidelines for identifying key concepts, skills, and routines to teach; designing and delivering effective lessons; and giving students opportunities to practice and master new material. Sample lesson plans, lively examples, and reproducible checklists and teacher worksheets enhance your learning experience. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



9 BETTER CONVERSATIONS with Tricia Skyles (Continuation of Coaches Series)



FEBRUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 14, 2017, Gateway Community & Technical College, Florence, KY – Member FEES: \$200.00 includes both books/Lunch is on your own

In *Better Conversations*, Jim Knight reveals why and how true dialogue will improve professional performance, job satisfaction, and classroom instruction. Together with this Reflection Guide, the two books provide a brilliant, scaffolder professional learning experience on a topic central to learning, and central to life.

During the *Better Conversation* workshop, participants will:

- Engage in surveys, take stock, and record video in order to get real about their current beliefs and abilities. Guiding questions include: How do you measure up when it comes to empathy, asking better questions? Finding common ground?
- Learn about the 10 habits of being an effective communicator, and put them into practice. Guiding questions include: Are your conversations focused on others 50 percent of the time? What things typically distract you from being fully present?
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10 BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

June 12-13, 2017



Galt House, Louisville, KY

Registration opens February 1, 2017

Specifics and more information will be announced upon CEC's posting.

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JOIN THE UPCOMING PLC'S!

NKAGE – December 2, 2016 & January 20, 2017 – 12:30 PM, NKCES PD Room

Arts and Humanities – December 12, 2016 & February 12, 2017 – 4:00 PM -5:00 PM, NKCES PD Room

EL/Title III – No meetings in Dec., Jan. or Feb.

Grants Consortium – December 7, 2016 & January 4, 2017 – 10:30 AM, Erlanger Board of Education

Middle School Leadership Symposium - December 8, 2016 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Thomas Moore

PL Committee – December 16, 2016 & January 20, 2017 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, NKCES PD Room

TITLE I & TITLE II – December 16, 2016 – 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM, NKCES, PD Room

NKY New Teacher - January 23, 2017 & February 13, 2017 - 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Lloyd High School library

Math Middle School – January 24, 2017 – 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, NKCES PD Room

Low Incidence & Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) - January 26, 2017 – 3:00 PM -4:30 PM, NKCES PD Room

Physical Education Regional PLC – January 30, 2017 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, NKCES PD Room



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Winter 2016-17

NKCES UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NKCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 14, 2016 & January 11, 2017

NKCES PD ROOM

Superintendents’ PLC – 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Board of Directors – 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) for information and agenda

WINTER TRAINING OFFERINGS

Click [HERE](#) to register

DECEMBER 12, 2016 ARTS/HUMANITIES PLC

Monday December 12, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

TOPIC - CREATING STUDENT GROWTH GOALS. Analyze SGG samples to build upon current knowledge and work with PLC to increase your knowledge.

DECEMBER 14, 2016 NKCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday December 14, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Superintendents PLC-8:30-10:00 Board of Directors-10:00-11:30 Superintendent Roundtable-12:00-3:00

DECEMBER 20, 2016 - BUILDING STUDENT TEACHER RELATIONSHIPS

Tuesday December 20, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This session will be based on the information and research from the book Simply the Best by Kelly E. Middleton and Elizabeth A. Pettit. Participants will learn strategies that are easy to integrate into their everyday interactions with students to develop strong and powerful relationships.

JANUARY 5 - 6, 2017 EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION W/ANITA ARCHER

Thursday January 5, 2017 at 8:30 AM EST-to-Friday January 6, 2017 at 3:30 PM

Explicit instruction is systematic, direct, engaging, and success oriented and has been shown to promote Achievement for all students. This highly practical and accessible training gives Special Education Administrators and Special Education teachers the tools to implement explicit instruction in any grade level or content area.

JANUARY 9 -10, 2017 CONCEPTUAL BUILDING BLOCKS- MS GEOMETRY

Monday January 9, 2017 at 8:30 AM

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Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 3:30 PM

2 days of training with follow-ups per module, strong conceptual foundation for mathematics, concrete, semi-concrete, and abstract sequence of teaching/learning (C-S-A); understanding student misconceptions; understanding of KCAS Content and practice standards; and promoting higher-order student thinking with multiple teaching strategies.

JANUARY 11, 2017 NKCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY MEETING



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Winter 2016-17

Wednesday January 11, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Superintendents PLC-8:30-10:00 Board of Directors 10:00-11:30 Superintendent Roundtable-12:00-3:00

[JANUARY 26, 2017- LOW INCIDENCE & ASD PLC](#)

Thursday January 26, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

This regional PLC is designed to connect special educators who work with students with low incidence disabilities and/or ASD. This PLC will work to identify areas of need and focus for future professional learning opportunities.

[JANUARY 30, 2017 PHYSICAL EDUCATION REGIONAL PLC MEETING](#)

Monday January 30, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

2016 - 2017 PHYSICAL EDUCATION REGIONAL PLC NKCES PD - Room 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM PLC Lead: Angela Hedenberg

[FEBRUARY 8, 2017 NKCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FEBRUARY MEETING](#)

Wednesday February 8, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Superintendents PLC-8:30-10:00 Board of Directors-10:00-11:30 Superintendent Roundtable-12:00-3:00