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# **INQUIRY:**

#### Can regional PLCs build sustainable educator capacity to impact student learning?





## Why Regional PLCs?

"If schools want to enhance their organizational capacity to boost student learning, they should work on building a professional community that is characterized by shared purpose, collaborative activity, and collective responsibility among staff" (Newmann & Wehlage, 1995, p. 37).

"The ability to collaborate—on both a small and large scale—is becoming one of the core requisites of postmodern society. . . . In short, without collaborative skills and relationships, it is not **possible to learn and to continue to learn** as much as you need in order to be an agent for social improvement" (Fullan, 1993, pp. 17-18).

"The key to **ensuring that every child has a quality teacher** is finding a way for school systems to organize the work of qualified teachers so they can collaborate with their colleagues in developing strong learning communities that will sustain them as they become more accomplished teachers" (National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, 2003, p. 7).



WHY? 17 Districts 96 Schools 214 Principals 4,249 Teachers 60,000 Students We can't afford not to....



THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ASSOCIATION



CULTIVATING EDUCATORS. ADVANCING EDUCATION.

#### NKCES PLC Essentials:

- ✓ Shared Vision
- ✓ Trusted Partnerships
- ✓ NKCES Connector
- ✓ Regional Leadership
- Reflective & Responsive Educator Partnership
- Organization: Follow Protocol
- ✓ Data analysis

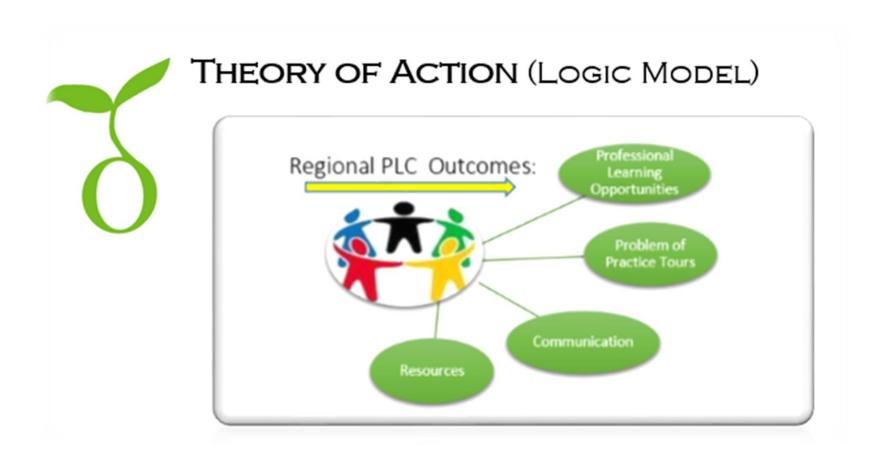


Best Practices Systematic Application Community Building Professional Discourse

#### How can we build our regional vision of impacting student learning together?

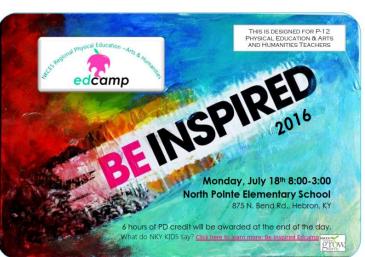
Vision: Collaborative teams whose members work interdependently to achieve common goals linked to the purpose of learning for all students.

**Mission:** NKCES believes that to best serve all students, regional educators must connect and grow practices in order to achieve a common goal.



### **Professional Learning Opportunities**











### Communication







### MKCES: Regional PLCs in Action

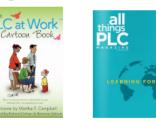
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Click HERE for Regional PLC Goals

Click HERE for a list of our Regional PLCs

Visit our LiveBinder for resources: Regional PLC LiveBinder

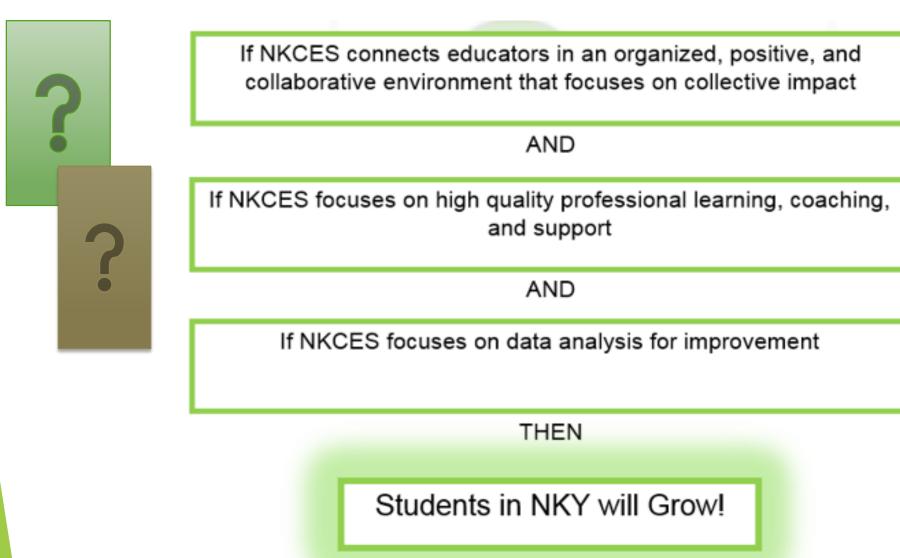
#### Helpful Links



All things PLC What is a Professional Learning Community? Best Practices for Professional Learning Communities

WCPO Article highlighting the work the Regional PLC is doing in NKY.

#### Theory of Action









## Regional PLCs In Action





I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and explain how valuable having a PE PLC was this year. I came from teaching at the high school level in a different county to teaching elementary in Campbell County where I first learned about the Co-op. I was very nervous and going from a department of five PE teachers to one (myself) was quiet stressful. The Co-op gave me a way to meet other PE teachers in the area and to learn ideas and strategies from them. The guest speakers that they had gave me a lot of information that I might not have gained otherwise. The Program Review Speaker was very helpful as well as the last two meetings that were held about activities that we do in the classroom/gym and Field Day activities. I found the PLCs to be very beneficial and hope that they continue next year. Angela did an amazing job organizing everything and keeping everyone informed. Thank you for the opportunity to attend and please continue the program for next year!!

Thank you,

Campbell County PE Teacher



I just wanted to send a quick thank you for letting the co-op host the PE teachers PLC meetings. It is hard to find **good professional development** in our content area and these meetings are very helpful.

Southgate PE Teacher



I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed attending all of the Physical Education PLC meetings we had at the NK Coop building in Cold Spring this year with Angela Hedenberg. Thank you very much to you and the coop for hosting these meetings. Hopefully, the NK Coop will decide to continue having these professional development meetings again next year as they are **extremely beneficial and very enjoyable**!

Walton Verona PE Teacher