

NKCES Report – October 2017

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Beechwood
Independent

Bellevue
Independent

Bracken County

Campbell County

Covington
Independent

Dayton
Independent

Erlanger-Elsmere
Independent

Fort Thomas
Independent

Ludlow
Independent

Newport
Independent

Northern Kentucky
University

Pendleton
Independent

Silver Grove
Independent

Southgate
Independent

Walton-Verona
Independent

Williamstown
Independent

Children Inc. Board: Mrs. Razor began service as a board member for Children Inc. and will be representing NKCES through this role in the region.

KAEC(State Coop Director's Retreat): Mrs. Razor attended this retreat and the focus was on advocacy and the political issues to included budget and pension. Commissioner Pruitt and Dr. Shelton spent time with our team sharing concerns and focused conversation for a united voice. Superintendent Smith represented the NKCES Superintendents and shared our regional advocacy. The KAEC executive directors were very receptive and also shared examples of their advocacy and potential ideas for a united voice. #strongertogether

KEAT: Mrs. Razor represented the state cooperatives, along with Superintendent Smith and Dr. Burkhardt on October 6th and was asked to share the presentation that she and Superintendent Smith shared at KAEC retreat.

Pre-K Works: Mrs. Razor attended the Pre-K works advisory council meeting this week. The branding information for the region will be shared on October 16.

Action Team 3: Mrs. Razor and Dr. Burkhardt met with Angie Taylor to share the work of NKCES and the many resources we have available for professional learning. We spent time specifically looking at the curriculum livebinder and the many professional learning opportunities for the region.

Improvements to the facility: Mrs. Razor met with Ehmet Hayes to look at the possibility of moving forward on improvements to the facility bear the training room. This information will be shared with the executive board prior soon.

Moves in building: In order to help facilitate better working conditions, office locations were moved so that employees with similar positions were more aligned in their work. It was also a priority to move Accounts Payable and HR out of the front office.

Business Manager: Jon Stratton began on October 2 as our Business Manager. We are looking forward to his leadership on our team and believe this will be a welcomed role at NKCES to help move us forward.

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Coop visits: Lynlee Hertenberg and Mrs. Razor visited two of the cooperatives to see physical set-up and meet staff. The operations team will be visiting soon to learn more about how other cooperatives do business so that we can expand our services as we find new ways that benefit our members.

Audit: Our audit has concluded and the auditors will be sharing results at our November board meeting.

Navigo Scholars Connector: There is currently a committee working on a proposal to secure a connector for college and career ready opportunities. The goal would be to have one person who could champion this work for the region.

NKCES Board-PL Consortium-DoSE Council: As we shared at the retreat, we are at a point as a region that we would like to align our professional learning goals among the 3 groups in a more effective way under the superintendent leadership. We know that each group has unique needs but to effectively “move the needle” of progress for students in NKY we need to be aligned in our efforts and resources as much as possible. We would like to have a convening to set common regional goals for the NKY Graduate and in turn for our focus on Professional Learning for building our human capacity. We have the list of common themes from the end-of-the-year interviews from each district that will serve as a starting point to this conversation. This is an exciting place to be as a region!

Ignite: As we have shared in previous meetings, a regional meeting is being planned that will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the opportunities this space will provide for students to learn and create in the region and also a time for you to ask questions as we build goals for the region. The dates for the meeting will be in November.

Thomas More Tailgate Event-Please see flyer for event!

Special Education Update:

Districts Host Meetings- Thank you to Dayton Independent Schools for hosting our first in-district DoSE meeting in September. In an attempt to showcase all of the great work happening in our region DoSE meetings are being hosted by individual districts. Additionally, the district has the opportunity to share or highlight an instructional practice and/or program with the region. In September, Brittney Howell shared early learning opportunities for students in Dayton. It is exciting to learn more about the great work happening in our region.

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RTC and NKCES- The NKCES continues to partner with the Regional Training Center in Anderson County for preschool support. Our first combined meeting will be in November. This is an opportunity for Preschool Directors and Coordinators to learn about work happening across the state and updates related to programming and instruction.

Emergency and Probationary Teachers- Any emergency or probationary teacher in special education must be reported to the NKCES. Paperwork is due October 15th. District DoSE are in the process of completing this documentation.

PL Update:

AdvancED Ed Summit- NKY was well represented at the AdvancED and KDE Summit in September. Multiple sessions on the new accountability system were available to participants as well as culturally responsive teaching practices and career pathways. Attendance has increased at this conference as compared to last year. Several NKY districts received accreditation recognition at the event. Congratulations!!

Josh Shipp- ‘Awesomeness is a Choice’ was attended by over 200 students regionally. Additionally, 20+ parents were in attendance in the evening session. These events were made available through the OVR Agreement. Thank you to Newport Independent for the wonderful venue.

Kagan- Over 70 educators attended Kagan in September. The focus for this session was cooperative learning strategies.

PLCs- Regional PLCs are in full swing. Alison Teegarden, Literacy PL Coach, serves as the lead for this work. Our goal is to continue to evolve these groups and further support collective and collaborative teaching practices.

PL Consortium- District leaders came together in September to discuss district priorities as well as regional opportunities. This year, PLC time will be embedded into the meeting time as an opportunity for districts to connect and have a dialogue around professional learning opportunities. This month there will be a brief presentation on Implementation Science. This work is directly related to our RSIP (IDEA).

A Week of Building Human Capacity- Leader in Me and INspired Leadership are coming to the region the week of October 30-November 2. Don't miss out on these opportunities to build personal and professional leadership skills. Please see the Instructional Spotlight for more details.

In October, a variety of professional learning opportunities are coming to the region. Please check out the Top 10 or www.nkces.org to register!

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RSP Update:

RSP had a wonderful turnout for grandparents lunch in September. High school students and staff attended the Josh Shipp speaker event in Newport; great feedback. We are now gearing up for Career Day, Fall Conferences, Donuts with Dad, and Fall Carnival.

NKU Students have attended twice to our program and have two more visits in October. They have had conversations with staff regarding “needs/ideas” and will be presenting ideas to us with a grant to fund their plan.

Counselors and administrative team met with SUN behavioral health for a continued partnership with their services and will be scheduling a tour of the new facility that will open in 2018.

RSP has gathered some information from KY Division of Behavioral Health and we are potentially going to become trained in Sources of Strength through a grant program.

EL Program Update:

The EL Program Consultants have tested and developed PSPs for all new incoming EL students and have begun providing direct services in all EL Program districts this month. On October 28th, they attended the Title III Coordinators Meeting and will be meeting with the program’s Title III Coordinators to discuss the implementation of state and federal policies and to revise the consortium’s EL Plan.

The consultants also held the first of four SIOP PD sessions on August 26th at NKCES. The next session is scheduled for October 24th from 4-5:30. Please encourage teachers who work with EL students to register for one of the upcoming sessions at www.nkces.org!

The consultants attended the first NKY EL PLC of the year on September 29th at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library. We discussed the exit criteria changes, EL student and family resources, and the effects of recent events on our English Learners and how to support our students.

Grant Consortium Update:**Grant Reports from Districts**

Bellevue did not receive funding from Home Depot. Newport received \$30,000 from Kroger over multiple years. Williamstown is working with a REACH grant from the health department on their wellness policy.

Grant Status

OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative – not funded

Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women – coalitions not funded

Home Depot – RSP—underway

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Work Ready Skills – in planning. Likely to be a long process. Members discussed the meeting from last month. Next meeting will be 10/17 but not everyone needs to come. Vicki will update as needed.

21st CCLC – Williamstown is planning a proposal; Erlanger is planning one for Lloyd.

Professional Development for Arts Educators – **FUNDED!** The group discussed aspects of the award. All should watch for an announcement in the next couple weeks about a meeting or webcast to explain details. The planning group will reconvene on the 12th and news should come out sometime after that about next steps.

Grant Strategies

Funders Panel for GPA is October 11. Vicki will be unable to go but recommended it highly for district grant writers. Information is attached.

Grant News

County OJJ Fiscal Incentive Fund Collaborations: Vicki attended the Kenton County meeting and will track progress. This is likely not a grant for schools to be in the driver seat, but we should be partners. She asked districts to get in touch with her so she can support each county's proposal as needed.

Crisis Text Line: Vicki outlined progress on publicizing this important resource. Please check the website at www.crisistextline.org or the data site at www.crisistrends.org for details and the attached resources to use to publicize the text line. She encouraged everyone to bring this information to any community sites since it is good for adults as well as youth. So far, the textline information has been distributed to superintendents, counselors at the NKCES PLC, the Kentucky School Nurse Association, Kentucky Nurse Association, Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives, NorthKey Regional Prevention Center and the Regional Prevention Alliance, and the Kenton County Alliance. We will be reaching out to the Kentucky School Counselor Association and any other places where people can help share the resource. We also are beginning to discuss it with the Kentucky Center for School Safety.

Lights On 21st CCLC: All 21st CCLC Site Coordinators were given a customizable PowerPoint template with national, state and regional talking points. The goal is they use that to present at SBDMs, school boards, city councils, etc. to convey the urgency of advocacy for continued funding for 21st CCLC programming. Coordinators also were asked to host an event at each school to showcase and highlight why the afterschool program was important for students, families and the community. They could then add their events to a shared Google calendar. Then we could push for media coverage regionally. Only Covington has so far added events to the google calendar. Vicki encouraged grants reps to discuss this with their 21st CCLC folks. Contact for questions is Tom.haggard@covington.kyschools.us.

NKY Health Department: Vicki discussed some potential funding coming from the NKY Health Department to support planning for school wellness policies. For more info contact Vicki.

Kentucky Education Action Team: Amy Razor discussed issues around pension legislation and work by KEAT. Members also commented on potential ramifications if many senior educators retire, leading to movement of teachers from one district to another.

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