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Boone County

Bracken County

Campbell County

Covington
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Dayton
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Erlanger-Elsmere
Independent

Fort Thomas
Independent

Kenton County

Ludlow
Independent

Newport
Independent

Northern Kentucky
University

Pendleton County

Silver Grove
Independent

Southgate
Independent

Walton-Verona
Independent

Williamstown
Independent

NCERT- Mrs. Razor is now a member of NCERT which includes 85 Superintendents from across the United States. Dr. Poe nominated her for this opportunity and she will be able to bring valuable resources and experiences to our region as she networks and learns with and from these exceptional leaders.

Business Manager: Jon Stratton continues to research and meet with folks on expanding KPC opportunities for our region. His start at NKCES has been a smooth transition as he is quickly learning procedures, routines and budgets for each department.

Thomas More Tailgate Event- Thank you, Thomas More, for welcoming the region to the football game on October 21st. It is always refreshing to have time to network and connect with leaders from the region.

Gateway's President Installation- Mrs. Razor and Dr. Weber attended Dr. Figueroa's installation as President of Gateway Technical and Community College. He shared an inspiring message on regional collaboration.

NKU Newest Faculty- Mrs. Razor participated in a reception welcoming *Dr. Lewatis McNeal*, new Assistant Dean for Administration, Inclusive Excellence & Special Projects and *Ms. Tara Widener* new Director of Development. We are excited to welcome them to our region.

Pre-K Works: Mrs. Razor and several staff members, along with several superintendents, attended the Pre-K branding launch on October 16.

Women Lead Conference- Several NKCES staff members participated in NKU's Women Lead Conference. This conference brought young women from around the region together for a day of leadership and inspiration.

Improvements to the facility: Mrs. Razor continues to explore avenues to expand meeting room capacity with lower level classrooms. A meeting was held with Ehmet Hayes to discuss potential costs.

UpStart- Innovation Ally hosted UpStart. This unique learning experience brought together innovators from around the region.

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NKCES Financial Audit- The NKCES audit is complete and available for review.

TSI Facilitator Training- Mrs. Razor, along with 2 team members, participated in facilitator training in Bellevue in preparation for internal labs.

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. These meetings continue to move forward in hopes of securing funding.

Energy Performance- NKCES, OVEC, and KEDC came together to discuss energy performance and potential opportunities.

Children's Home: Mrs. Razor met with Mr. Wurth to discuss collaborative opportunities.

Special Education Update:

Districts Host Meetings- Thank you to Walton-Verona Independent Schools for hosting our second in-district DoSE meeting in October. Kim Chevalier and her team highlighted their RtI process as well as their referral process.

DHH Spelling Bee- The region hosted its first annual regional spelling bee on October 20th. Congratulations to all of our student winners.

Professional Learning for DoSE- In an effort to support DoSE in their professional learning, the NKCES will provide \$700.00 per district to a special education focused training. In the past, support in the form of books and resources was available. This year, support for a training is available.

Trauma Informed Care- The regional TIC committee will be providing two trainings this winter. These trainings will provide an overview of TIC as well as strategies for the classroom.

Professional Learning Coordinator- The NKCES PL Coordinator Interview Committee has made a recommendation for hire. We welcome Diane Hatfield as the new PL Coordinator and look forward to the diverse experiences and established relationships she will bring to this position.

PL Update:

Newport Independent- Thank you for opening your doors to the region for Ron Clark and Kim Bearden. It was a great experience for our region.

Leader in Me- Our partnership with Franklin Covey and HCESC kicked-off with the Leader in Me two-day training. This partnership led to all regional principals having a no-cost slot to the training- a value of

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\$335.00 per participant. The Executive Council was invited to eat lunch with Stephen Covey and had the opportunity to ask one-on-one questions and learn even more from this leading author.

INspired Leadership- The region welcomed Tamara Konrade back to NKY on November 1st and 2nd. This 2-day experience provided an introductory and next-level training on leadership. The positive energy in the room was *more than inspiring!!*

Regional Synergy- Williamstown Independent connected teachers in their district to teacher across the region. They visited 20 schools in 11 districts!! Amy Harris wrote, “I hope to continue our forward thinking, growth minded, and collaborative professional growth journey in the future with you-- and please know that our doors are open to you as well. “

PL Consortium- Mr. Jim Detwiler and Mrs. Kim Lake are the PL Consortium co-leads for the 2017-2018 SY. The Consortium was excited to welcome Martha Setters from Kenton County to the team. District leaders came together in October to discuss PL delivery systems and effectiveness. In short, the group discussed-- “How do you create a PL system that transforms classroom practice?” The Consortium also discussed the Ignite Institute. Jim Detwiler invited the group to Ignite for an open house in December. Next month there will be a brief presentation on Implementation Science. This work is directly related to our RSIP (IDEA).

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

RSP Update:

RSP held fall conferences in October. Our fall carnival was held during school hours on Monday, with several activities that the students rotated through.

Thanksgiving lunch will be next week with families. Hickory Grove is preparing Thanksgiving dinner food baskets for our students.

Some staff will be attending CEC later this month, and administration were able to attend some additional Trauma Informed training, as well as Ron Clark and INspired Leadership.

A volunteer member from Hickory Grove will also be utilizing donation money from the church to paint murals in our student bathrooms.

EL Program Update:

On October 3rd, we held a meeting for the Title III Coordinators in our EL Program at NKCES. We reviewed information that was shared at the state Title III Coordinators’ meeting at KDE in Frankfort, which included the new English Learner Exit Criteria, growth and attainment for EL students under the new

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accountability model, and the state assessments that EL students will participate in this school year. In addition, we reviewed the District OCR (Office of Civil Rights) Assurances. We emphasized the assurances that all parents/guardians must be administered the Home Language Survey (HLS) upon enrollment and that students must not be retained in grade levels or classes if language acquisition has any part in the decision for retention. We will now be monitoring students for four years (not two) due to changes in ESSA.

Our EL Plan was discussed and will be shared with Dayton's Board of Education as our District of Record in order to incorporate additional stakeholder input as required under Title III. Once approved, we will distribute the EL Plan electronically to each district to include on its website.

The EL Program Consultants and EL Teachers from Fort Thomas attended the KYTESOL Conference in Louisville to collaborate with teachers across the state about strategies and resources for working with English Learners. Daniele Novak presented a session about using Breakout EDU in the classroom. She would be glad to present this session again to any of our districts that are interested.

Our next SIOP PD session at NKCES is on Tuesday, November 28th from 4-5:30 on *Strategies for Engaging ELs in Instruction*. Please encourage teachers to sign up at www.nkces.org.

Grant Consortium Update:

Grant Reports from Districts: Newport received \$30,000 from Kroger over multiple years. Williamstown is working with a REACH grant from the health department on their wellness policy. Multiple districts are applying for 21st CCLC funding from KDE.

Grant Status

- **OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative** – not funded
- **Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women** – coalitions not funded
- **Home Depot – RSP**—underway
- **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. Vicki mentioned that the New Skills for Youth grant, a collaboration of two or more districts, the area technical center, and higher education among other partners, is expected to be available for application in January.
- **Professional Development for Arts Educators – FUNDED!** The group discussed aspects of the award. All should watch for an announcement in the next few weeks about a meeting or webcast to explain details. Hiring is underway for an Arts Integration Manager (full time) and assistant (part time).

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Grant Strategies

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

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.

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.

Mary Burch of Erlanger-Elsmere brought up funding from Cardinal Health Foundation for substance abuse prevention for youth.