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Beechwood  
Independent

Bellevue  
Independent

Boone County

Bracken County

Campbell County

Covington  
Independent

Dayton  
Independent

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

**Children Inc-** On November 9th, Executive Director Amy Razor and Dr. Kim Weber attended Children Inc's Luncheon with many district representatives which celebrated the work occurring in the region to impact students and early childhood.

**Mindfulness Research:** Tom Lottman presented at the NKCES Team meeting in November on mindfulness and loving-kindness meditation. He also shared the laboratory work and possibilities for partnerships in the region.

**CLAG-** Mrs. Razor was nominated and voted into the CLAG organization and attended the first meeting on November 14th.

**NKYEC Summit, November 15-** Mrs. Razor and several NKCES Team members attended the Summit at NKU to be a part of regional discussions and goal setting.

**Professional Learning Consortium, Title I Consortium & DoSE, November 17-** Several regional meetings were held on November 17th to align the work of educators with common needs.

**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.

**KYCEC- Executive Director Razor attended conference with Dr. Weber to build relationships as all team members are now in place.** Dr. Weber requested this of our NKCES Team as a way to build synergy and also gain new knowledge.

**Navigo Scholars Connector (The work continues for the Navigo Connector):** A committee is 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. A representative will be presenting at the January board meeting.

**Thinking Strategies Institute, November 14-16-** Mrs. Razor, Dr. Weber and 2 PL Coaches served as facilitators for the TSI in Bellevue.

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**AESA, November 28-**Superintendents Smith, Garrison, and Brewer attended the National Conference with Mrs. Razor and Dr. Weber in San Antonio, Texas.

**Pre-K Works, December 5-** Mrs. Razor attended the Pre-K Works Advisory Board meeting on behalf of NKCES. An update was shared on the release of the new campaign and next steps.

**Centennial Talent Strategy & Executive Search, December 5-** Mike Sipple invited Mrs. Razor to connect with a few partners to learn more about the tools and partners that they utilize to develop leaders in the region through their work. He shared specific ways that he believed that it would bring value to NKCES and the leaders served.

**Ignite, December 8-** Superintendents and Professional Learning Representative joined together on site to discuss and brainstorm possibilities for IGNITE to meet student needs in a way that would prepare them uniquely for the workforce. Research Triangle Institute and Thought Exchange are high quality educational tools and leaders that Dr. Detwiler and Executive Director, Amy Razor have worked with to support the work around this day.

**NKYEC, Board of Directors, December 6-** Exec. Razor attended NKYEC Board meeting on December 6th and has attached the agenda and minutes from the meeting.

**KASS, December 10-** Exec. Razor will be attending the KASS Conference with NKY Leaders and looks forward to learning more about statewide opportunities and networking with KAEC.

### **Special Education Update:**

**DoSE Meeting-** Thank you to Erlanger Elsmere Independent Schools for hosting our third in-district DoSE meeting in November. Mrs. Laura Hellmann and her team highlighted their FBA and BIP process as well as provided templates and resources.

**Preschool-** The Regional Training Center (RTC) and NKCES held the first combined meeting of the year. Topic of discussion included ECERS, PR3, Regional Agency Collaboration, and KEDS Reporting.

**Professional Learning Coordinator-** Mrs. Hatfield has worked directly with each of our PL Coaches to support their work in carrying out our mission. She focused on deepening her understanding of the current work as well as begin serving as a thinking partner for evolving practices and processes here at NKCES.

**KY Post School Outcomes-** Ms. Lou Ann Land from UK's HDI presented to DoSE on regional post-high school outcome data. Additionally, she shared resources and tools for districts level data analysis.

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### **PL Update:**

**Franklin Covey-** Held a meeting with Nolan Marx to discuss ideas for continued partnership. Franklin Covey's materials are quality and the support for their work has been requested by some districts. We will share information as it is available.

**INspired Leadership-** Several districts have partnered with INspired Leadership to continue the work with their teams. Leaders can also purchase individual and/or team coaching sessions for growth in energy levels to lead.

**Regional Synergy and PL Consortium-** The PL Consortium began a discussion around creating a list of "rock star" educators and practices from across the region. As this list evolves, through the PL Coordinators, it will highlight regional resources that enhance collaboration. Additionally, Dr. Weber shared a brief overview of Implementation Science with the group. The Consortium will not meet in December. Districts were invited to a planning meeting on Dec. 8th (please see above for further details).

In December and January, a variety of professional learning opportunities are coming to the region. Please check out the Top 10 or [www.nkces.org](http://www.nkces.org) to register!

### **RSP Update:**

Thanksgiving lunch had an incredible turnout! Hickory Grove sent home Thanksgiving meal baskets.

RSP 3rd annual Holiday Shop, hosted by NKCES will be Thursday, December 14th....where students will shop for loved ones.

RSP Student bathroom murals are complete! I encourage you to stop in to see them when you pass through the building next time.

RSP's annual holiday break food basket, food drive, was taken on by Mix94.9 Cincinnati....The Sandy Show with Sandy and Holly saw our post and took it on. They had all 50 food baskets needed covered, and commitments from listeners were made within 45 minutes. Such a blessing! They delivered the donations to RSP the week of December 4-8th.

Darling Ingredients made a donation, as they have in the past, for each student to receive a holiday gift this season...such an ongoing blessing with their company!

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### **EL Program Update:**

The EL Program Consultants have been meeting regularly with students in each of their districts. On the 17th, they had the opportunity to work with Nichole Neuhard, Erlanger-Elsmere's EL Program Consultant, to design and implement a professional development session for the NKY EL PLC using BreakoutEdu kits. The purposes for implementing this type of session were to both demonstrate how to run a BreakoutEdu session which can be used with students and also to create a replicable PD that EL teachers can use with their staff to demonstrate EL teaching strategies. Daniele and Elizabeth would love the opportunity to share this experience with your staff. Please contact them if you would like to schedule this PD in your district. The EL Program's third SIOP PD session, Strategies for Engaging ELs in Instruction, will be held on Tuesday, March 6th from 4:00 to 6:00. Please encourage teachers who work with EL students to sign up at [www.nkces.org](http://www.nkces.org).

### **Grant Consortium Update:**

**Grant Reports from Districts:** Bellevue is applying for funding from the Junior League. Dayton is planning a proposal for Procter and Gamble. Williamstown and Bracken County discussed their proposals for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and Vicki Dansberry reported that several more districts also had applied. Williamstown applied for REACH funding from the health department, and Erlanger-Elsmere mentioned planning for an opioid prevention grant only open to communities with Drug Free Communities coalitions.

### **Grant Status**

Home Depot: awaiting approval from Regional Schools Programs, then will submit.

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC: pending

Professional Development for Arts Educators: hiring manager, interviews later today.

New Skills for Youth: a work readiness project in collaboration with ATC or local technical education centers and others. Due to come out in January.

Striving Readers: information is trickling out from KDE about this birth-12 initiative. Also due to come out in January.

McKinney Vento Homeless Education: RFA is available. Several members will participate in the technical assistance session in Frankfort. There may be a follow-up meeting and Vicki will send a doodle.com poll to schedule that. Otherwise, call Vicki for support.

### **Grant Strategies**

GPA Conference: Vicki discussed several items of interest learned at the meeting. More information as the year progresses.

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**PDAE Conference:** A team of five went to the conference where Vicki learned important Project Director information and the team benefited from experiences of prior grantees. Information will be key to progress in the Northern Kentucky Institute of Arts Education project.

### **Grant News**

**Competency Based Pilot Project:** Boone County may be interested in this project that is a pilot for KDE.

Jenny Watson noted the need for mental health supports, and all agreed. Mary Burch suggested districts share information about mental health resources they use so all could be aware of them and agreed to provide a list of resources she uses. Diane Hatfield pointed out that some counties' fiscal courts provide support for non-reimbursable student needs. Mary noted that Northern Kentucky ASAP is an agency that might be able to work with schools for students with needs related to substance abuse.

Jenny also mentioned an influx of newcomer EL students in Boone County and discussed a possible newcomer center. Vicki noted we had applied, but not been funded, for a regional one several years ago through the now-defunct Investing in Innovations(i3) grant. She mentioned a Federal research grant that may be a possible replacement for i3, if Dept. of Education funds it again.

### **NEXT GRANTS CONSORTIUM MEETING**

**January 3, 2017, 8 am**

**Erlanger – Elsmere Board of Education**

**500 Graves Ave. Erlanger, KY 41018**