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Bellevue  
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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

**NKCES Building Upgrades:** The NKCES Administration Office has recently received upgrades on the exterior and interior. The fire escape facing Highway 27 has been painted and sealed to prevent rust. The exterior ramp to the front doors was also painted. On the interior, durable hardwood flooring was laid in the entryway and the kitchenette. Pictures will be provided at the January Board Meeting. Additionally 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. He will be sharing updates at the January meeting so that we can make a final decision on renovations.

**LEAD Advocacy Event:** KSBA, along with the 8 regional educational cooperatives including NKCES, is sponsoring the LEAD Advocacy Event taking place in Frankfort, KY on January 31 - February 1. With the political issues surrounding education, everyone is encouraged to join this event to learn more, advocate and be present together in support of our students, teachers and future for all.

**KASS:** Several Superintendents represented NKY by sharing best practices and leading advocacy work for public schools for the state conference. I believe we had 100% participation in the conference, which is exceptional representation for our region. The conference also provided time for our superintendents to network, share resources, and problem-solve as we work together to move learning forward for all students regionally and statewide.

**KASS 1<sup>st</sup> Women's Leadership Conference-Cohort:** NKCES has been asked to put together 30 mindful/wellness gift bags for each mentee selected and to participate in the panel in January along with NKY Superintendents (KASS will pay for materials/supplies). I believe we have one NKY representative—Congratulations to Amy Harris!

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

**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.

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**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.

**KYCEC- Executive Director Razor attended the KYCEC 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.

**AESA, November 28-**Superintendents Smith, Garrison, and Brewer attended the National Conference with Mrs. Razor and Dr. Weber in San Antonio, Texas. This provided a purposeful opportunity to seek out resources for our region and most importantly have focused time for the executive council to learn more about cooperatives and enhance our relationships and leadership roles to lead effectively in our region.

**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 a Professional Learning Representative joined together onsite 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

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educational leaders that Dr. Detwiler and Mrs. Razor , have worked with to support the work around this day.

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

**KASS, December 10-** Mrs. 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-** Meeting cancelled due to RTC training for DoSE (ECERS 3 Training).

**Alternate Assessment Participation Guidelines-** The KDE has revised the Alternate Assessment Participation Guidelines. Training modules are to be completed by DoSE, ARC Chairpersons, and special education teachers. The training requires the completion (and passing) of a quiz. The KDE has requested that all the aforementioned educators be trained by January 31st.

**Alternate Assessment 1% Cap-** KDE requested a waiver (OSEP) for being over a 1% state cap for students participating in the Alternate Assessment. If individual districts exceeded 1% at any grade level, they will be prompted by the KDE to complete a survey. This survey was due in December.

**Dyslexia Legislation-** Dr. Weber attended the Interim Joint Committee on Education on December 11th in Frankfort. Representative Addia Wuchner presented at this session. The presentation was titled “Dyslexia and RtI 2018: The Kentucky Ready to Read Act.” Look for this bill to be presented in the upcoming session.

### **PL Update:**

**NWEA** - NKCES is working alongside NWEA to promote MAP Leadership Summit on February 20 at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center. We welcome the opportunity to connect schools with a variety of resources and will share information as it is available.

**Explicit Instruction** - NKCES is excited to announce the Explicit Instruction series in January and February has a huge response and we are excited to build capacity in the region.

**Franklin Covey-** Mrs. Razor and Dr. Weber met 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.

**Regional Synergy and PL Consortium-** Diane Hatfield has stepped in to facilitate the work of the PL Consortium. The PL Consortium continued the 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

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regional resources that enhance collaboration. In January and February, 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!

**Cincinnati Museum Center** - Chantal Hayes, Manager of School and Teacher partnerships, explored the various opportunities for outreach and museum visits. Grant funds are available based upon free or reduced lunch rate to cover costs for outreach and/or museum visits.

**Title I and Title II** - Effective in January, Mrs. Hatfield will serve as the facilitator for the Title I and Title II Coordinators group. NKCES thanks John Winslow for his excellent work serving as a connector for this group.

#### **RSP Update:**

RSP returned from break for staff on 1/2/18 with some training. Students returned 1/3/18.

APOD application should be released in January or February, we will be looking for that!

RSP is looking to possibly repair/replace some of our kitchen equipment.

#### **EL Program Update:**

The EL Program Consultants continued to provide direct services during December. They also worked with districts to complete preparation for ACCESS testing. The ACCESS testing window is from 1/1 through 2/9.

The EL Program Consultants will be testing students during the ACCESS window. They will resume direct services with students when testing is complete.

#### **Grant Consortium Update:**

**Grant Reports from Districts:** Newport was awarded \$10,000 from the Out of School Alliance to provide meals and activity nights each month for families. Bellevue was awarded two 3D printers from a recent grant.

#### **Grant Status**

**Professional Development for Arts Educators:** We will be hiring Joe Bertucci as Arts Integration Manager. Joe will attend our February meeting to meet the Grants Consortium and discuss the project. His start date is February 12.

**Home Depot** has shut down their application process until February. More news later about the RSP application or various schools' ability to apply.

**21<sup>st</sup> CCLC:** Pending announcements

**McKinney Vento Homeless Education:** Grants Consortium Director Vicki Dansberry will be attending the Technical Assistance Meeting in Frankfort on January 12. She has met with Covington and Erlanger so far

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to provide support for this grant. Any other districts, please let Vicki know how to help. The group had a brief discussion of changes to the grant and to ESSA requirements.

CARA Grant for Drug Free Communities Coalitions: Vicki is working with some Drug Free Communities coalitions for this \$50,000 funding only open to those coalitions to prevent opioid use. Schools should contact their county coalitions to participate in planning, benefit from this potential funding, and (we hope) be part of later implementation.

Striving Readers: Still to come from KDE, advertised in January.

### **Grant Strategies**

Grant Readiness: Vicki distributed a summary of how to determine if you are ready for a grant. She advised grant representatives to use this for helping teachers and schools determine that they are prepared for success with a grant plan.

### **Grant News**

Communities of Care funding committee: Vicki is participating in a funding committee of Communities of Care, a group working to support help for homeless youth and families.

ERA Commons: SAMHSA and other federal agencies have begun to adopt the ERA Commons system for grant applications. This is in addition to grants.gov. It requires a registration process that can take several weeks. If you want help, contact Vicki. For the record, here are key websites for registration for Federal grants: [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov); [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov); and the new one is: <https://era.nih.gov>

Group members remembered the importance of checking regularly to ensure your district's and staff registrations are up-to-date.

McKinney Vento Homeless Education reviewers needed: KDE grants website lists ways to apply to be a reviewer. This is the best way to get insight on how grants are funded.