

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Letters of Commitment

I. Statement of Purpose

The Kentucky New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative incentivizes the opportunity for local districts to transition state operated area technical centers and locally operated technical centers into regional academies—through the collaboration of two or more school districts, a postsecondary partner, a community partner, and employer engagement—to transform the delivery of career and technical education in Kentucky by exposing students to dual credit opportunities, allowing students to earn industry recognized credentials, providing students Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences, and including pathways leading to the top 5 industry sectors.

This **Letter of Commitment (LOC)** establishes a partnership between the Breathitt County Board of Education and Juniper Health for the 2018-19 school year.

II. Mutual Commitments

By signing this LOC, partners indicate a commitment to the work of NSFY by serving on the Planning Team for the development of a Regional Career Academy. Additional involvement may include the following:

1. Providing guidance and oversight to the regional career academy upon receipt of grant funds.
2. Providing meaningful insight into career fields needed by the region, as defined by data, and job opportunities for students.
3. Advising on program development based on the employment needs of the community, state, regional, national and international marketplace as a part of the regional career academy's Program Advisory Committee.
4. Providing dual or articulated credit opportunities as well as diplomas, certificates, certifications, occupational licensing and other benefits to students.
5. Assisting in the convening of key shareholders.

III. Contact Information

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IV. Agreement

The parties agree to the principles and commitments described above and agree to work together in good faith to advance the same. This agreement is effective for the 2018-19 year with the intent that this work will be sustained and scaled over the longer term. It is mutually understood that this agreement in no way restricts either party from participating in similar activities with other organizations.

Amendments to these commitments may be made at any time by agreement of the parties, who may terminate the agreement through written notice.

Required Signatories

Phil V. H.

Participating District, Superintendent/Designee

3-19-18

Date

James S. Ditsch, CEO

Partnering Organization, Designated Point of Contact

3/19/18

Date