

Commissioner's Report to the Kentucky Board of Education

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Major Department Projects and Initiatives (October-December 2018)

- Strategic plan implementation
- Academic standards review and revision
- Accountability system Revision and implementation
- Department reorganization (finalized)
- Preparation for upcoming legislative session
- Review and recommended revisions to minimum state high school graduation requirements
- Campaign: *What Will You Be KY?*

Visits and/or Speaking (October-December 2018)

- Student Leadership, Asbury University, October 3rd
- Paris Independent Schools, October 12th
- Trigg County Schools, October 16th
- Christian County Schools, October 16th
- National Association of Pupil Services Administrators, Covington, KY, October 15th
- AEI Future of American Education Working Group, Washington DC, October 19th
- Henry Moss Middle School, Warren County, October 22nd
- Carter G. Woodson Academy, Fayette County, October 23rd
- Kentucky School Plant Managers Association Annual Meeting, Lexington, October 24th
- Georgetown College, October 30th
- Lee County Schools, October 31st
- Alice Lloyd College, October 31st
- Southeast/Southcentral Education Cooperative Meeting, London, November 8th
- Kentucky School for the Blind, November 9th
- Western Kentucky University, November 16th
- Glasgow High School, November 17th
- Nelson County Schools, November 30th
- Kentucky Chamber Legislative Preview, December 3rd
- Frederick Douglass High School, Fayette County, December 3rd
- Bryan Station High School, Fayette County, December 3rd

Executive Leadership Retreat

On Monday October 29th, the KDE Executive Leadership Team participated in a leadership and team building retreat at the Life Adventure Center in Woodford County. The experience consisted of leadership and team building exercises during the morning, a lunch business meeting, and low and high ropes activities in the afternoon. The event was organized by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Amanda Ellis.

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Educator Preparation Program Visits

With Associate Commissioner Rob Akers, I have convened regional listening and discussion sessions with leaders from Kentucky's public and private educator preparation programs. Meetings have been held at Georgetown College, Alice Lloyd College, and Western Kentucky University. Meetings have been well-attended and have been key in relationship-building with educator preparation program leaders.

Accountability Growth Workgroup

In response to feedback from educational leaders across the state, I asked Associate Commissioner Rhonda Simms to convene a workgroup of leaders including superintendents, principals, and district assessment coordinators to evaluate our current methodology for calculating student growth in the state accountability system. After two meetings, the group made a recommendation to me on revisions to our current growth calculation. I found their recommendation reasonable, and will in-turn make that recommendation for revision to you during today's board meeting.

Commissioner's Goals for 2018-2019

I would like to establish the following performance goals for myself for the 2018-2019 academy year:

Improving Academic Achievement and Student Learning

- Raise achievement by 2% on average in reading and mathematics as measured by KPREP assessments in grades 3-8.

Expand Early Postsecondary Opportunities

- Increase the number and percentage of students participating in and achieving success in early postsecondary opportunities over the 2017-2018 baseline, including dual credit, Advanced Placement courses, and industry recognized certifications.

Legislation

- Secure the passage of legislation that:
 - Provides funding to support the expansion of early postsecondary opportunities across the state
 - Empowers parents
 - Grants district and school leaders greater flexibility to achievement ambitious performance goals

Strengthen Strategic Partnerships

- Improving the number and quality of strategic partnerships for the department (state and national) over the 2018 baseline as measured by survey responses from partners.

Increase Organizational Leadership Maturity

- Improve leadership scores for department leadership on the adopted leadership maturity model