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**NKCES TEAM Meeting, November 5:** Executive Director, Mrs. Amy Razor, meets with the entire NKCES team once a month to review any needed regional news, provide updates and build culture as team members share highlights and successes. This meeting began with a grateful activity to focus on mindfulness with our team. Each team member shared team highlights of their work. The meeting concluded with the team making heart garland for the Lola project.

**PL Consortium, November 16:** Executive Director Razor attended the PL Consortium which was held at Campbell County Schools. The PL Consortium, along with the Title Groups, coordinated a combined meeting to learn more about future work for TSI and CSI schools with KDE. Mrs. Hatfield shared professional learning highlights of upcoming events. The PL Consortium also discussed possible regional opportunities and common curriculum needs.

**DoSE Meeting, November 16:** Executive Director Razor met with DoSE at their monthly meeting to touch base and get their input on the VI services. The group formed a small committee to follow up on the information.

**Social Sentinel, November 19:** Ted Drinkwater, sales representative, traveled to Kentucky to be a part of a meeting at the Ludlow Board office. He shared an overview of the tool and answered questions for our superintendents/representatives. We are now moving forward to establish cooperative pricing.

**NKU President, Ashish Vaidya, November 20:** Executive Director Razor was invited by President Vaidya to the Metropolitan Club for a special focus group session of thought leaders to have discussions around the Success by Design initiative.

**KDE Conference Call with Cooperatives, November 26:** Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis lead a discussion on graduation requirements.

**AESA Conference, November 27:** Executive Director Razor met with the council to review the agenda for the meeting and discuss regional items for the board meeting. She also reviewed the building project and current structure with staff.

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**Graduation Requirement Feedback, November 28:** Executive Director Razor submitted our letter and feedback on the graduation requirements for the NKCES Board. At our October board, meeting several superintendents shared that they would attend the meeting in Frankfort to give feedback.

**NKU President, Ashish Vaidya, December 3:** NKU President requested a meeting to gather input from superintendents as he begins his strategic planning. We appreciate him asking for our input on strategic direction and acknowledging the importance of the K-12 education pipeline.

**Instructional Round, December 4:** The NKCES Team and Taylor Elementary staff participated in the instruction round process. Instructional Rounds engage educators at high levels, utilizes their collective expertise & provides evidence-based feedback for the purpose of strengthening a school's problem of practice.

**NKYEC, December 5:** Executive Director Razor attended the NKYEC meeting. Jay Brewer presented on Drug Free Schools. Mrs. Razor will forward the board agenda notes to the NKCES Board.

**NKCES Building Renovation Meeting with Mr. Joe Hayes of RHI and Mr. Jon Stratton, December 6:** Executive Director Razor and Mr. Jon Stratton continue to meet with Joe Hayes of RHI, to monitor the process and completion of the project.

**NISL, Todd Baldwin, December 6:** Todd Baldwin reached out to partner with NKCES for the Seed Cohort. Dee is working with him to schedule dates for the upcoming months.

**Hamilton County Cooperative, December 6:** Bill Sears and Vicki Clemmons connected in Colorado at AESA and have reached out again to partner with NKCES. We have scheduled a meeting date in January.

**RSP Holiday Store, December 7:** NKCES partnered with RSP to host a holiday store for the students. This opportunity allows the students to be the "givers" to their family.

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### Special Education Update:

**Trauma Informed Care:** On November 7, Dr. Laura Clarke partnered with Mrs. Amanda New, Principal of Arnett Elementary School, to provide a regional Trauma Informed Care Training for educators and administrators.

**DoSE:** The DoSE Advisory group met on November 12 and the DoSE group met on November 16.

**Peer Support Network Training:** On November 14, Dr. Laura Clarke, Linda Lane, and John Winslow participated in a Peer Support Network Training with other state cooperative consultants in Louisville, KY. Per the new state mandate, UK's Human Development Institute (HDI) has turned over management of this program to the coops beginning January 2019.

**State Directors Meeting:** Mrs. Diane Hatfield and Dr. Laura Clarke attended the state directors meeting.

State consultant work. NKCES consultants continued collaborative work in the areas of literacy, mathematics and low incidence. The Behavior RTI consultants continued their work on Threat Assessment training materials.

**KY CEC Conference:** NKCES staff participated in the KY CEC Conference, providing training at New Teacher Institute, (other folks' sessions). In addition, Dr. Laura Clarke is serving on the KY CEC Board and participated in board meetings for KY CEC and KY CCBD to begin planning the 2019 Behavior Institute.

**VI Program:** A VI Advisory Group was established to support regional VI needs and plans were developed to look at short-term and long-term solutions to the VI teacher shortages in our region.

**The Game Plan for Success,** a high school transition forum, was held at the Boone County Enrichment Center on November 7. Thirty-six students, from five districts, participated in the event.

**The Power of Teamwork,** a high school transition forum, was held on November 28th at the Alexandria Education Center in Campbell County. Forty-three students, from five school districts, participated in the event.

**KYCEC** state-wide cooperative Literacy and LI Coaches worked collaboratively at the KYCEC Conference to lead a session entitled "Can You Hear Me Now?". NKCES was represented by Alison Teegarden and John Winslow acting as presenters and table facilitators. Participants were able to explore and manipulate hands on activities,

with small group coaching on strategies, to effectively teach phonological awareness to all students as a critical component of learning to read.

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### **Professional Learning (PL) Update:**

**November Professional Learning:** NKCES supported a total of 95 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate and special education during the month of November serving 765 educators.

**December Professional Learning:** NKCES supported a total of 39 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate and special education during the month of December serving 145 educators.

**Evidence Based Practices session with Matthew Courtney** and twenty-eight administrators from around the region attended this session on November 16 at the Campbell County training room.

**PL Consortium:** The PL Consortium met following the Evidence Based Practices session to discuss winter professional learning opportunities and possible regional opportunities.

**ECET2:** Amelia Brown provided leadership support to provide the ECET2 conference for teachers on November 3. Dr Laura Clarke shared a training on supports for students in poverty and several other consultants participated in the conference day of learning. Mrs. Daniele Novak and Ms. Elizabeth Winkler presented strategies to support English Learners.

**IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham:** Thirty-nine educators from the region wrapped up five days of evidence based literacy professional learning. Orton-Gillingham is a language-based, multisensory, structured, sequential, cumulative, cognitive, and flexible approach to literacy instruction.

**New Teacher Academy,** that was held on November 12 was very successful, as NKCES in partnership with both Boone County and Kenton County coaches, served 37 new teachers from across the region. The station topics ranged from Student Engagement, Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum to High Leverage Practices and the work of John Hattie.

**Mind Shift: Moving from a Culture of Teaching to a Culture of Learning:** NKCES partnered with KDE's Continuous Improvement Coaches to provide this training on December 6 at Ralph Rush Center. KDE will repeat this professional learning offered once again at Ralph Rush on January 28.

**KDE Professional Learning and Standards Implementation:** Mrs. Diane Hatfield attended the KDE session on December 4 which included guest speakers from TNTP sharing Opportunity Myth.

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**Professional Learning Communities (PLCs):** During the month of November and December several PLCs met including: Special Education, Physical Education, English Learners, Counselors, Arts and Humanities, and Instructional Coaches. PLCs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in a collaborative environment focused on collective learning.

### **Regional Schools Program (RSP) Update:**

NKCES hosted the Holiday Shop for RSP students, where our students enjoyed shopping for loved ones! Thank you to everyone that contributed and helped make it such an amazing experience!

**Kitchen Update:** We have a fully operational stove/oven and hood!!! I cannot express the continued gratefulness for our cafeteria manager, Ms. Jessie, who served our students two hot meals every day for a year while we worked through this process!

A huge thank you to Mix 94.9 and their community of listeners who stepped up, again this year, to host a food drive for our holiday food baskets that we deliver to families right before break. Thanks to them, over 30 families and 46 baskets of food were delivered to our families.

Thanks to Darling Ingredients, community donations, and a giving tree... for their donations that allowed us to purchase, again this year, gifts for our students along with needed clothing and cold weather items for our students.

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Cornett met with Project Yoga to start the planning process to bring Trauma Sensitive Yoga to RSP for the 19-20 school year. We are looking for grants/partnerships to make this program work for our students!

RSP students had a half day of school on 12/19/18 and will return on 1/3/19.

RSP and TLC in Covington will host a Regional Collaborative Alternative Program Meeting on 1/24/19 at TLC from 12pm-3pm. This information was shared, via email to local programs, but we extend this opportunity for you to share with anyone you feel would benefit from joining! (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc).

### **English Learners (EL) Program Update:**

The EL Program provided direct services to students during November and the first week of December. We also hosted the EL PLC on Friday, December 14th. We addressed problems of practice and engaged in mindfulness activities to prepare us for ACCESS testing.



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We received testing materials for all eight districts and are working to finalize ACCESS testing schedules. Testing will begin on January 3 and the window ends on February 8. We will test K students in the districts that are open on the 3rd and 4th. We will test the remaining students with the following schedule:

- Fort Thomas: 1/7-1/16, 1/31-2/1
- Pendleton County: 1/14-1/17
- Silver Grove: 1/16-1/17
- Dayton: 1/18-1/23
- Walton-Verona: 1/22-1/25
- Southgate: 1/23-1/25
- Bellevue: 1/28-1/30
- Ludlow 1/29-1/31

### **NKY Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):**

On November 1-2, members of the NKIAE Leadership Team attended the National Arts in Education Conference in Washington D.C., where they learned additional strategies to bring arts integration to our region.

Teachers attended a performance of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and a pre-show discussion with the composer, on November 9. The CSO Education Director met with the teachers to provide information about opportunities for their students.

In the months of November and December, we observed lessons integrating the arts with ELA at Boone County High School, Newport High School, Dayton High School and Newport Intermediate School. We also met with our Arts Integration teams at Tichenor Middle School and Lincoln Elementary. All teams received feedback and support for their work from Project Manager Joe Bertucci. Teachers are observing increased student engagement and understanding as they integrate the arts.

Our regional steering committee met on December 10 to plan our work for the 2019-20 school year. Information about participating next year, as we integrate the arts with math, will be announced mid-January.

### **Grant Consortium Update:**

**Innovative Approaches to Literacy:** Bellevue has hired Kelly Conner as project coordinator for the River Country Readers Grant (Bellevue, Dayton, Southgate and Williamstown). Erlanger is poised to hire, after the first of the year, for the Reading

My Own Books Grant (Erlanger, Bracken County, and Silver Grove). We will contract with Joan Ferrante of NKU as the evaluator. The first meeting is scheduled for January 10. Brent Porter provided information about cost effective supports available through Scholastic.

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Andrew Lloyd Webber Classroom Resources: Pending for Erlanger-Elsmere.

21st CCLC: Newport and Bracken County submitted.

KySTE: Dayton submitted a proposal for 1:1 devices in 8th grade.

KYOSA: Tom Haggard of Covington, worked with Vicki and NKCES, to submit a proposal that would fund Professional Learning Networks for after school coordinators.

Greater Cincinnati Foundation: Bellevue received two grants of \$15,000 each.

Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Northern Kentucky Board: Kenton County Alliance, pending.

Kentucky Innovation Lab Network Personalized Learning Study Group Travel Fund RFA (KYILN): Ft. Thomas and Boone County are the only GC districts eligible. Vicki notified them and Ft. Thomas said they are interested.

Computer Science for All: NKU brought this grant to Erlanger, and Vicki is working with them in support of a proposal that would provide K-2 computer science curriculum.

Food Service Equipment: Vicki is working with Regional Schools Program on a potential application and supporting several district proposals.

Learn Next: NKCES submitted a proposal for \$10,000 that would fund a podcast focused on *Learn Next* professional learning Building Blocks, Playlists and Courses.

**Changed Meeting Date! Due to the holidays, the January meeting will be on Jan. 16 at 8:30 am at NKCES in the first floor meeting room.**