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Hamilton County Cooperative, Collaborative Planning Session, March 1: Executive Director Mrs. Amy Razor, Ms. Diane Hatfield, Ms. Jessica Faust and Mr. Jon Stratton participated in a conversation with Mr. Bill Sears and his team, where we brainstormed ways in which we could use our collective impact to serve educators on both sides of the river.

Legislative Coverage in Frankfort, March 5: Executive Director Razor, and several Superintendents from the NKY region, were present at the legislative session regarding Education to stay up-to-date.

NKYEC Board of Directors Meeting, March 6: Executive Director Razor attended to stay current on events taking place in our region. NKYEC also named several Superintendents as new board members, Dr. Poe will be Acting Interim Director, Dr. Webb will be President and Dr. Rust will be incoming Board Member.

NKCES Board of Directors Meeting, March 13: Prior to the Board Meeting, NKCES officially opened the newly renovated training rooms to the region. We look forward to this space bringing together educators from across the region to engage for the betterment of all kids. We also had a special guest, Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis, provided a brief overview on the legislative session and Q&A with board members.

PL Consortium Meeting, March 15: Executive Director Razor attended the PL Consortium to review upcoming opportunities. Also, Ms. Hatfield shared professional learning highlights of upcoming events.

ASCD Empower 19 Conference, March 15-18: Executive Director Razor, along with several educators from Bellevue Independent, attended the conference to hear from nationally recognized speakers, build relationships and learn about new teaching practices and resources.

American Fidelity Meeting, March 20: Executive Director Razor met with Ms. Donna Fossett. Ms. Fossett requested the meeting to share opportunities through which American Fidelity could partner with NKCES, which in turn benefits the region.

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Essential Workplace Skills Meeting, March 21: Representatives from each district attended a meeting at NKCES led by Executive Director Razor. The purpose of the meeting was to share the information NKCES had collected over several weeks to continue creating a regional plan. Progress is being made.

Kentucky Cooperative Directors Meeting, March 25: Executive Director Razor attended a Skype meeting to keep abreast of current events in the state.

NCERT, March 26-30: Executive Director Razor attended the spring conference to hear from national speakers discuss various topics in education. Executive Director Razor also worked to build new relationships to bring quality resources back to our region.

Special Education Update

DoSE Meetings: The DoSE Advisory group met on March 20 and the DoSE met at NKCES on March 22. At the DoSE Advisory meeting, resumes for the Regional Director of Special Education position were reviewed and it was decided that an additional call for applicants would be posted through the DOSE and IHE listservs. KDE staff came to the meeting to present end-of-year updates from Infinite Campus and expectations around reporting safe schools data.

State Directors Meeting: Dr. Laura Clarke and Ms. Diane Hatfield attended the state directors meeting in Frankfort on March 11-12.

Special Ed Teachers PLC: Mr. John Winslow and Dr. Laura Clarke hosted a virtual Special Ed PLC on March 20. This PLC was held at NKCES and included a web conference link so participants could join “live” or by Zoom. This session was a “make and take” of behavior intervention strategies.

State Consultant Work: NKCES consultants continued collaborative work in the areas of literacy, mathematics, behavior and low incidence.

Behavior Institute 2019 planning: On March 23, Dr. Laura Clarke participated in the KY CEC Behavior Institute planning session. Dr. Clarke and Mrs. Stephanie Turner are slated to offer presentations at the Behavior Institute, which anticipates around 2,000 attendees on June 13-14 at the Louisville Convention Center..

Spring High School Transition Forum. On March 13, 68 students from 13 schools and 11 districts attended the 2019 Spring Transition Forum at Gateway’s Boone Campus.

High School students from Cooper, Ryle, Conner, Dixie Heights, Campbell County, Ludlow, Bellevue, Dayton, Highlands, Walton Verona, Newport, Lloyd, and Beechwood participated. Sessions included a tour of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing with information regarding programs and admissions,

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appreciating diversity, OVR and supported employment services, professionalism in workplace, and how to develop quality friendships.

Professional Learning (PL) Update

March Professional Learning: NKCES supported a total of 76 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate and special education during the month of March serving 626 educators.

PL Consortium: A subcommittee was established to collaborate regarding the Essential Workplace Ethics Program. The PL Consortium also discussed possible regional opportunities and common curriculum needs.

Dreamfest: Dreamfest was a success this year with more than 600 students participating. The day included session with 40 + presenters from across the region. The support from volunteers from our school and community partners help create the rich learning environment for all.

Edcamp: On Saturday morning, March 9th, **400** educators from across Northern Kentucky (and several from neighboring counties) joined together for a morning of learning from each other organically. This regional Edcamp was hosted by BallyShannon Middle School and sponsored in part by NKCES and the Northern Kentucky Education Council. The event included donations courtesy of Children's Inc, Dunkin' Donuts, and Biggby Coffee. Next years NKY Edcamp is scheduled for February 29, 2020 at Northern Kentucky University.

Word Nerds: On March 21st, we had our first training session in our new space. Word Nerds was offered to the entire region for educators needing research-based strategies for vocabulary and sight word retention. In attendance were educators from 10 different districts. Participants included special education teachers, general education teachers, intervention teachers, and instructional coaches.

SNAP Math Training: NKCES is committed to empower our regional Special Education Teachers and Instructional Coaches in Early Numeracy through SNAP (Student Numeracy Assessment Progressions) training. This past January and February we partnered with Beth Miracle-Meiman to bring SNAP training to the region. This a two-day course that provided professional development in administering and analyzing concise, diagnostic, individual assessment in early numeracy. Topics included number words and numeral identification, structuring, and addition and subtraction strategies. This formative assessment system provides a way to track

individual and group performance and enables teachers to differentiate instruction based on the results. SNAP is most appropriate for pre-kindergarten through first grade classroom and special education teachers.

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Teachers and Instructional Coaches from across the region are celebrating this training powerful in helping strengthen their own understanding of Early Numeracy as well as tools to move student forward.

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): During the month of March several PLCs met including: Special Education, Visual / Performing Arts, Media Specialists, School Counselors and English Learners. PLCs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in a collaborative environment focused on collective learning.

Media Specialist: The March Media Specialist PLC was a packed house with public librarians from around the region joining the conversation. The group shared ideas for increased collaboration between schools and public libraries. Past successes were celebrated and new ideas for reaching all students were explored. This was an especially beneficial gathering for our Library Media Specialists as many were able to make new connections to strengthen and grow their work in our Northern Kentucky schools.

School Counselor: The March School Counselor Regional PLC was well attended and well appreciated! The focus of the PLC was supporting staff, students, and selves through self-care. Members practiced self-care techniques and shared positive implementation experiences in their home schools including promoting advisory/focus period/ curriculum through a shared folder on Schoology.

Regional Schools Program (RSP) Update:

RSP and TLC hosted our second Regional Alternative Program Collaborative Meeting on 3/14/19. We look forward to having these become a PLN opportunity next school year for the region!

RSP finished our annual LLS fundraiser on 3/29/19.

Kroger Community project plans to tour RSP first week of April to determine planning for their summer project.

RSP staff and students participated in a daily gratitude journal challenge, culminating with an ice cream party and special edition RSP gratitude t-shirt for those that participated.

We are working on our testing schedule and, once finalized, as in the past, we will reach out to our partners if additional testing proctors are needed. Our testing window will be 5/6/19 - 5/10/19.

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RSP's amended calendar for this year with our make up days reflects a new last day for students as 5/20/19.

English Learners (EL) Program Update:

On March 5th and 6th, we hosted a Kagan for ELs workshop at Gateway. More than 100 educators attended, and the session was well received.

We have been providing direct services to students. Information about our Family Literacy project has been distributed to the districts in our Title III Consortium. Students are selecting books to read with their families, and these books will be delivered in April and May.

In April, ACCESS scores will be released and we will be setting up meetings with our districts to review the scores and to plan for student services for the 2019-20 school year.

NKY Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):

In the month of March, we observed lessons integrating the arts with ELA at Mary Goetz Elementary, Newport Primary, Lincoln Elementary, Newport Intermediate, Holmes Middle, and Silver Grove. We also offered two virtual professional learning sessions, focused on integrating theatre with ELA, using Zoom.

Our regional Steering Committee met on March 6 and March 25 to plan our 2019-20 Program: Integrating the Arts with Math. There are currently over 100 educators, on 22 teams, from 18 schools, in 9 districts, participating in our arts/math program. Participants have begun three hours of virtual learning in Google Classroom, to prepare for our summer workshop, scheduled for July 22 - 25.

Grant Consortium Update:

21st Century Community Schools – Grants Consortium schools awarded: Bracken County and Newport. Also Campbell County and Ludlow.

Food Service Equipment – Pending

CS 4 ALL – Pending

ArtsWave – Pending announcement later this month

Stop Act – Submitted by several DFC coalitions

Strategic Prevention Framework – Submitted by Pendleton County, Covington, and Erlanger-Elsmere.

Education Innovation and Research – Due April 2

Full Service Community Schools – Due April 15

NKCES Report – March 2019

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PDAE – NKIAE: Teams are preparing for summer workshops

IAL – Implementation underway

Grants Consortium meeting for April will be April 17, 1:00 pm at the co-op first floor meeting room.