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**Regional School Programs Advisory Meeting, April 16:** Executive Director Razor attended the Regional School Programs Advisory meeting to offer support regarding the annual school slot agreement and to keep abreast of current events in the school and the region.

**Regional School Programs, Muffins with Mrs./Mr:** Executive Director Razor attended the Regional School Programs breakfast event. The school invited the students' adult caregivers/role models to enjoy muffins in the cafeteria while enjoying some leisure time with their student, staff and fellow classmates. The event was heartwarming and enjoyed by all.

**IDEA Conference Call with KDE:** Executive Director Razor attended a Skype conference call with other Cooperative Directors from across the state, Greta Hylton, Commissioner Lewis, and Chris Thacker to discuss specific details outlined in the draft IDEA Proposal. The discussion was productive; KDE answered questions and offered clarification to several details in the proposal. As a result of this conversation and feedback from the Cooperative Directors, KDE will be making adjustments to the draft, and future discussions will take place to talk through the modifications.

**Professional Learning Consortium, April 19:** Executive Director Razor attended the PL Consortium to review upcoming opportunities. Also, Ms. Diane Hatfield shared professional learning highlights of upcoming event.

**Kentucky Cooperative Directors Meeting, April 22:** Executive Director Razor attended a Skype meeting to keep abreast of current events in the state.

**Meeting with Horizon Funds, Ms. Nancy Grayson, April 24:** Executive Director Razor and Dr. Karen Cheser met with Ms. Grayson to review the goals of education in Northern Kentucky and how Horizon may be able to support the region.

**Administrative Professionals Day, April 24:** Executive Director Razor and the NKCES Staff celebrated the Administrative Assistants to show appreciation for all that they do to ensure we are prepared to serve the region. The ladies enjoyed the day!

**Ted Wiese Event, April 26:** Executive Director Razor attended The Power of Teamwork 2.0, which was brought to the region, by NKCES coach, Ms. Linda Lane. The event took place at Receptions Event Center in Erlanger, Ky and was action packed.

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**Essential Workplace Skills Meeting, April 29:** 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 and to finalize a plan for sharing with the business community.

### Special Education Update

**DoSE Meetings:** The DoSE Advisory group met on April 22 and the DoSE met at Ralph Rush on April 26. The DoSE Advisory group reviewed applications for the Regional DoSE position and recommended five candidates to Mrs. Razor. The DoSE Advisory also discussed the KDE Proposal process and made recommendations for the structure of a new special education advisory board requested by KDE.

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

**Special Ed Teachers PLC:** Dr. Laura Clarke hosted a blended (live and virtual) Special Ed PLC on April 17. 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 progress monitoring forms and processes.

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

**Behavior Institute 2019 planning:** On April 13, 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.

**The Power of Teamwork 2.0:** On April 26, 2019, Ted Wiese presented “The Power of Teamwork 2.0” at the NKCES/OVR high school transition forum held at Receptions Event Center in Erlanger, KY. Forty-three students from six high schools participated in this high energy, hands-on team building workshop. To intensify the challenge, school clans were divided into opposing teams, giving students the opportunity to join ranks with neighboring high schools.

### Professional Learning (PL) Update

**April Professional Learning:** NKCES supported a total of 70 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate and special education during the month of April serving 428 educators.

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**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.

**Specially Designed Instruction in Mathematics:** On April 23, NKCES brought together K-12 math teachers for Specially Designed Instruction in Mathematics. Teachers using concrete-to-semi-concrete to-to-abstract (CSA) sequence of instruction investigated new ways to teach difficult math concepts. CSA is an evidenced-based instructional practice to support students with learning disabilities struggle to acquire essential mathematical concepts and skills.

**Professional Learning Communities (PLCs):** During the month of April several PLCs met including: Special Education, Visual / Performing Arts, and Instructional Coaches. PLCs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in a collaborative environment focused on collective learning.

**Instructional Coaches PLC:** Instructional Coaches gathered on April 23 for their last face-to-face meeting of the year. 17 Instructional coaches from 11 member school districts and NKCES were in attendance. Topics of discussion included the revised Kentucky Academic Standards, planning for next school year, and upcoming opportunities available through KDE.

**Visual/Performing Arts PLC:** At the April 11 Visual/Performing Arts PLC, Dayton High School's visual art teacher, Cheryl Spahr, shared technology tools for the art classroom, and Joe Bertucci shared resources from "The Art of Comprehension," connecting students' analysis of visual art to literacy.

### Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

Advisory Board met 4/16/19. Updated RSP procedures were reviewed for discussion and feedback.

Kroger Community project will be here June 4th to implement their project plans for RSP.

RSP testing window is 5/6/19 - 5/10-19. Thank you to staff from NKCES helping during testing.

Thank you to Ft. Thomas for the cafeteria tables we received from them. They are beautiful, and make such a difference !

Awards and promotion ceremony will be 5/17/19 at 12pm, in the RSP gym.

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

This month, the EL Consultants provided direct services to students until ACCESS scores were received on the 23rd. We then began preparing reports for each district to show students' progress over time. We also began scheduling meetings with each district and with each student's teachers to review the students' ACCESS scores, grades, and informal data to begin planning for their Program Service Plans for the 2019-20 school year. We helped to plan the NKY EL PLC which will work with EL teachers to analyze and discuss their students' data with their staff.

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

Teachers working to integrate the arts with math are currently completing 3 hours of virtual learning in Google Classroom, in preparation for our summer workshop.

Our regional Steering Committee met on April 18 to continue planning our 2019-20 Program.

We are also working with our evaluator to submit our annual performance report, due to the U.S. Department of Education on May 3.

### **Grant Consortium Update:**

#### **Grant Reports from Districts**

- Williamstown and Bracken County received awards from RC Durr Foundation.
- Dayton and Covington received awards from ArtsWave.
- Dayton (for Regional School Programs), Bracken County, and Silver Grove received awards from KDE's food service Equipment Assistance program.
- Bracken County is working on another application to International Paper.
- Dayton was able to take advantage of the information from the GC meeting at which the Museum Center staff described services available, with some classes attending events.

### **Grant Status**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Schools:** Awarded (separately) to Bracken County and Newport

**Food Service Equipment:** Awarded (separately) to Regional School Programs (Dayton), Bracken County, and Silver Grove.

**CS 4 ALL:** Submitted, pending (jointly) for Erlanger-Elsmere and Dayton with NKU,

October 1

**ArtsWave:** Awarded (separately) to Dayton and Covington

**STOP Act:** Submitted by Kenton County Alliance, pending October 1

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**Education Innovation and Research:** Submitted (jointly) for Erlanger-Elsmere, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, Williamstown, Pendleton, Bracken County, pending October 1

**Full Service Community Schools:** Submitted (separately) by Erlanger Elsmere (3) and Covington, pending October 1

**GCF Safety Net:** Awarded to Erlanger Elsmere

**Strategic Prevention Framework:** Submitted (separately) by Erlanger Elsmere, Covington, and Williamstown, pending October 1

### Grant News

**2019-2020 Meeting Schedule:** People in attendance like the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 time. If this is a problem for anyone, please let Ms. Vicki Dansberry know this by Wednesday, April 24... if not we will keep this time for next year.

**PNC Charitable Trust:** Vicki met with the project officer and will submit for RSP, due May 1.

**KY School for the Blind:** Info came and Ms. Dansberry will work with Dr. Laura Clarke on a foundation request for students from this school. Due October.

**NKIAE video:** Check out this video of last year's project with ELA/Arts integration. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/4o9a0kei6b9cx9k/NKCES-FINAL1.mp4?dl=0> .