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Regional School Program Talent Show, May 1: Executive Director Razor along with several staff members attended the Regional School Programs annual Talent Show. It was so wonderful to see the creativity and wide range of talents each performing student shared. This is a time to celebrate the talents of our students as the school year comes to a close.

Meeting with Leisa Mulcahy of NKY Chamber, May 2: Executive Director Razor met Leisa to discuss education in Northern Kentucky and the current work within Grow for the betterment of students in Northern Kentucky. The main topic of conversation was to find a chair for Pillar II and it was decided to ask Dr. Rust as the incoming president.

Meeting with Leadership Excelleration, Diane Egbers and Travis Nippert, May 3: Executive Director Razor attended a meeting to learn about Leadership Excelleration offerings, as well as potential future partnerships to benefit Northern Kentucky Educators.

Working Meeting with Diane Hatfield, May 9: Executive Director Razor and Diane Hatfield met to review and discuss work she and Laura Clarke had completed for the IDEA Proposal. This is critical work for the future of NKCES as we problem-solve together to meet the required changes.

Budget and Strategic Planning Meeting at KDE, May 13: Executive Director Razor, Jessica Faust, Diane Hatfield and Laura Clarke attended a meeting at KDE in Frankfort, KY with Jonathan Compton to share the NKCES draft IDEA budget and talk through the KDE changes to the Proposal submission process. Jonathan was pleased with the progress and offered minor suggestions to assist in preventing a delay or resubmission. We also reached back out to Ms. Hylton to invite her to the interviews.

CLAG Meeting, May 14: Executive Director Razor attended the CLAG meeting to stay abreast of current events in Northern Kentucky. She shared information with the members as appropriate.

Essential Work Skills, May 16: Sherry Wirth (Campbell County) and Martha Setters (Kenton County) will be representing the committee today with me at the NKY Chamber: GROW Office at 9:00 am with Barbara Stewart from the WIB and Leisa

Mulcahy from the GROW Initiative. We will share the draft documents, gather input and share with our NKCES committee for next steps. *Our combined documents represent 14 districts—the committee is working to get 100% participation in the regional project.* Currently, all these documents are in draft

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form. The committee has done an exceptional job creating a product to meet the guidelines and also working together on such a difficult task. They are an amazing group of educators!

State Cooperative Directors Meeting, May 20: Executive Director Razor attended the monthly Skype meeting to stay on top of current events regarding education in the state.

Children Inc Board Meeting, May 21: Executive Director Razor attended the Children, Inc. Board Meeting on Tuesday evening and Mike Borchers shared on behalf of Navigo as the mission moment spotlight. Tim Hanner also shared an overview of the work in the region and mentioned that his team presented this work to Mr. Ramsey, Secretary of Education and Workforce. He mentioned that the documents would be revised to represent the partnership with NKCES and the superintendents.

WIB Meeting for Essential Skills, May 28: The representatives and Executive Director Razor met with Barbara Stewart with the Workforce Investment Board. The meeting was incredibly productive and all attending left more knowledgeable! A special thanks to Martha Setters (Kenton County) and Sherry Wirth (Campbell County) for their work in representing the committee—as you would expect, they did an exceptional job. A few meeting outcomes include:

- WIB Presentation to share overview on July 9th
 - WIB request to give input on current plan
- Barb Stewart will provide a letter to describe the regional collaboration by August 1st for districts to submit with their plans.
- Barb shared resources and input that were valuable to the work that will be important as we move forward. One of the resources highlights job availability for specific sectors in NKY that are included in the link below:

<https://nkcareercenter.org/job-seekers/#1503404837877-c4ecebb3-265e>

NKCES Regional Special Education Director Interviews, May 30: The committee conducted three interviews. The committee was comprised of the DoSE Advisory board and Superintendent Garrison, Diane Hatfield, and Amy Razor.

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Special Education Update

DoSE Meetings: The DoSE Advisory group met on May 29 and the DoSE met at NKCES on May 31. The DoSE reviewed the NKCES IDEA proposal for KDE for the 2019-2020 year.

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

Special Ed Teachers PLC: Dr. Laura Clarke hosted a blended (live and virtual) Special Ed PLC on May 15 to wrap up the year and begin planning for next year's Special Ed PLC.

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

KDE 2019-2020 IDEA Proposal: Dr. Laura Clarke and Mrs. Diane Hatfield worked with regional DoSE and NKCES consultants to analyze regional indicator data for students with disabilities and create goals for NKCES IDEA work in 2019-2020. A draft proposal and budget were sent to KDE by the deadline.

CAP and Special Education trainings: Dr. Laura Clarke led four CAP trainings. In addition, Dr. Clarke, Mrs. Alison Teegarden and Ms. Amelia Brown met with three elementary administrative teams to develop co-teaching trainings for spring and fall 2019 roll outs. Co-teaching overview trainings were provided to three schools in May.

OVR Program Update May 2019: This June, NKCES is offering two exciting summer camp experiences for OVR eligible high school students, ages 14-21.

- Offered June 3 – June 7, **Agri-Career Camp** is a week-long, work based learning experience for students in rural communities. Partnering with Intrepid Farm in Walton, KY, professions in horse care, animal husbandry, horticulture, building, and equipment maintenance will be explored. Daily activities include horse and stable care, gardening, riding lessons, and guest appearances from professionals working in the above mentioned fields.

- Offered June 18 – 21, **Transformation Nation** features fun, hands-on activities that emphasize empowerment, self-discovery, and teamwork. Featured activities include water balloon volleyball, Laughter Yoga with Patrick Welage, and Life Lesson Drum Circle with Baoku Moses. Activities will take place at the NKCES Training Center and Friendship Park.

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Professional Learning (PL) Update

May Professional Learning: NKCES supported a total of 67 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate and special education during the month of May serving 647 educators.

PL Consortium: Due to state testing the PL Consortium did not meet in May but will meet on June 7.

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

Media Specialist PLN: The May Library Media Specialist PLN was an energetic gathering of school librarians from around the region. Highlights from the lively discussion included advocating the growing importance of Media Specialists in our evolving tech-driven society. Members discussed partnering with undergraduate programs in the region and curating resource lists for Media Specialists entering the field. The PLN concluded with action steps for the coming year to collaboratively create a video resource for self-advocacy throughout the region's school districts that would include testimonials from teachers and students as well as data collected around the region.

Instructional Assistants Trainings: Two district-level trainings were provided in May for district Instructional Assistants to share specific strategies they could use to support students with disabilities. Both trainings were offered on May 28. Ms. Amelia Brown, Mrs. Alison Teegarden, and Dr. Laura Clarke provided an all day training focused on using trauma informed strategies, thinking strategies, and executive function skill strategies to increase achievement and engagement for students with disabilities. Mrs. Kim Snowball presented NKCES Connects with Instructional Assistants in Fort Thomas. The day included topics around understanding the effects of toxic stress on brain development, what type of praise promotes a growth mindset, how practice affects stronger brain connections, and understanding through simulation the academic struggles student have if they live with a processing disorder. This was a full day of engagement and learning!

Professional Learning Summer Planning: NKCES summer Professional Learning offerings are open for registration. NKCES is offering a variety of professional learning opportunities this summer in the areas of Academics, Culture and Climate and Special Education.

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Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

Awards and promotion ceremony was held on 5/17/19 at 12pm, in the RSP gym. The event was inspiring as always, and we enjoyed celebrating our Scorpion students with staff, district partners, and families.

RSP Field Day and Carnival were held on 5/16/19 with a special race between a student and our SRO.

RSP students' last day was Monday 5/20/19.

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

RSP received additional furniture from Ft. Thomas to utilize in classrooms and other areas of the building. Thank you again!

RSP is sending staff to the Behavior Institute, and the administrative team, along with Officer Lucas, are presenting a session there.

RSP's first day back for students is August 8th, 2019.

English Learners (EL) Program Update:

On May 3rd, the EL Program Consultants and Nichole Neuhard, the EL Consultant for Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, co-hosted the EL PLC at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library. 22 EL teachers and administrators worked together to analyze ACCESS data to determine regional norms for student progress and number of years to exit the program.

The EL Program Consultants have also been meeting with Title III Coordinators, administrators, teachers, and parents in the districts to go over the EL students' ACCESS testing results to ensure that the EL students are making adequate progress in developing English language proficiency and to create the EL students' PSPs. They have also distributed books to the EL students as part of our family literacy project. The consultants have been working to gather input for the EL Plan, especially with regard to EL-specific PD opportunities, as well as each district's needs in serving our EL students.

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, scheduled for July 22-25.

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In addition, English/Reading teachers who are continuing their work from our first year are participating in a virtual book study of Trevor Bryan's *The Art of Comprehension*, which highlights the connection between analyzing visual art and reading comprehension.

Our regional Steering Committee is continuing to plan the summer workshop and ongoing professional learning for the 2019-20 Program.

Grant Consortium Update:

Grant Reports from Districts – Erlanger-Elsmere is planning for Youth Engagement in Sports. Bracken County is planning for School Based Health Centers. Covington received ArtsWave funding for a violin club and Duke funding for STEM summer activities.

Grant Status

CS 4 ALL – pending for Erlanger and Dayton with NKU, October 1

STOP Act – pending for Erlanger (Kenton County Alliance), October 1

Strategic Prevention Framework – pending for Covington, Erlanger, and Williamstown separately, October 1

Education Innovation and Research – pending for Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, Williamstown, Pendleton County, Bracken County together, October 1

Full Service Community Schools – pending for Erlanger Elsmere (3 grants proposed)

NKY ASAP – pending for Regional School Programs Project Yoga

PNC Charitable Trust – pending for Regional School Programs Project Yoga

Interact for Health: School Based Health Centers – Bracken County working on submitting by May 17

Youth Engagement in Sports: Erlanger-Elsmere working on submitting by May 31

Grant News

- COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)
- Jeff Aulick invited members to join Bracken County at a discussion with the Ky Center for School Safety, Friday May 3, 10 AM.
- 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule. Meetings next year will remain the same time and place, first Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at the co-op first floor meeting room.
- Next meeting June 5, 8:30 am, NKCES first floor meeting room