Northern Kentucky Education Cooperative
School Opening Task Force 2020-2021

Rationale: COVID-19 has altered the way of life for citizens across the world, the United States, the commonwealth of Kentucky and in our region. Public Education, like many community businesses, has had to embrace change and innovation during the 2020 school year. The school districts in our region are to be commended for their heroic efforts to transform education for our approximately 60,000 students/families. Now, we shift our focus to the 2021 school year to ensure that school districts in our region work collaboratively to engage our Northern Kentucky stakeholders in the "opening process". The task force is viewed as essential to providing information, thoughts, opinions and ideas on the school opening process for our regional schools. **Safety will be our #1 Priority**

Task Force Members:

- School District Superintendents/Designees
- School Board Members (ensuring no quorum exist)
- Commissioner of Education/Designee
- Elected officials
- Public Health Officials
- College/University Presidents/Designee
- Business Partners
- Parents/Guardians
- Students

Meetings will occur as follows:

May: 1 Teleconference Meeting

June: 1 Teleconference Meeting

July: 2 Teleconference/In Person Meetings

August: As Needed

All meetings will have updates from P-12 to committee regarding latest guidance with major emphasis on listening to our community stakeholders for guidance regarding school opening for fall 2021.

NKCES Board Commitment:

- *Decide on level of participation for your district*
- *Participate in recruiting and communicating with members of the task force representing your district/region*
- *Participate and engage in all teleconference sessions and PLC sessions that will be held between all teleconference/in person task force meetings. (A great opportunity to reflect on the task force conversation and other school related topics for our region)*
- *Meetings will be 1 hour max to protect the time of all involved*

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