



**Northern Kentucky Education Council  
Coalition Update  
November 2020**

**Advancing the Big Picture**

Lead by Tammy Weidinger, Dave Schroeder and Jay Brewer

- The first meeting of the new “think tank” coalition team was October 5 with a great group of people. Randy explained what his vision is for the group and talked about the Fall Convening. The next meeting will be December 7 and we will discuss the plan based on the outcome of the Fall Convening.
- Fall Convening update. November 18 from 9-11am. Virtual meeting hosted by Parent Camp’s Julie Pile. We currently have 44 people registered.

**Advocating for Education**

Lead by Mike Borchers

- The update consists of the material presented in the Northern Kentucky Cooperative press release.

**Engaging Business in College & Career Prep**

Lead by Karen Cheser and Jean Loftus

- We have worked with Grow NKY Pillar 2-College and Career Readiness:
  - a survey is being developed to ascertain students’ knowledge of pathways in the high-need/ high-growth industry sector areas, as well as current involvement in work-based learning opportunities
  - the NKY College and Career Connector is working with each of the industry sector organizations as well as all college and career counselors to streamline work-based learning information
  - a user-friendly version of the KDE work-based learning manual has been developed and will be housed on the MyCareerE3 platform landing page
  - the MyCareerE3 platform will launch next month with a pilot group of businesses and college and career counselors to test out the new system
  - plans are in the works for a regional workshop for college and career counselors, and other educators, to demonstrate the platform, provide information on YouScience and other tools for

identifying aptitudes and interests, as well as identifying possible barriers to work-based learning opportunities

- We convened a group of high school guidance counselors and college and career coaches with the St. Elizabeth Foundation to answer questions about a scholarship St. Elizabeth wants to give to several high school seniors who are interested in the health care field. The meeting helped St. Elizabeth know what to put on the application, when to get it in the hands of the students and how and when to award them the dollars and how.
- NKWIB – Randy attended and participated in the RFP selection. Brighton Center was selected to provide career services through the NKWIB.

### **Reducing Barriers to Education**

Lead by Randy Poe and Rich Gilman

- The Terrace Metrics survey is ongoing, and Kenton County has completed their survey at this time. The other districts are in the process and we will have a full report once they're finished.
- We convened a group of elementary and middle school guidance counselors with St. Elizabeth Foundation to help them create an Anti-Vaping program. St. Elizabeth plans to start with third through fifth grades and eventually move into Middle Schools. The guidance counselors were very helpful as to how to best present the material so it would be fun and engaging for the students. St. Elizabeth plans to have something for next school year.
- Randy has continued to work with Nancy Grayson, of Horizon Community Funds, on their commitment to reducing gaps in education due to disparities among people of color and low income based on conversations with the Education Council's superintendents and connecting the work through GROW Pillars and our coalition.