

**COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, KENTUCKY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT CABINET AND THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Resolution to establish the Commonwealth Continuum

WHEREAS, Kentucky is committed to equitable access to a high-quality education to ensure the educational development and success of all students; and

WHEREAS, despite progress, too many Kentuckians lack postsecondary credentials, and significant attainment gaps exist between underrepresented minority and white adults; and

WHEREAS, too few of Kentucky's high school graduates transition to and graduate from college; and

WHEREAS, early postsecondary opportunities such as dual credit help students earn low-cost college credits and prepare them for a postsecondary environment; and

WHEREAS, all students need strong advising, mentoring, outreach and support systems to navigate the sometimes difficult pathway between secondary and postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's teachers and school leaders need access to high-quality, innovative training and ongoing professional development to prepare students for college - academically, socially, and emotionally;

WHEREAS, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) set a goal to increase the percentage of Kentuckians with a postsecondary credential to 60% by 2030; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to meet or exceed this goal and increase four-year college degrees and create a highly-skilled workforce; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, and the Kentucky Department of Education will join forces with other education policy leaders and practitioners to establish the Commonwealth Continuum. The Continuum will provide a forum for Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary systems to work collaboratively to develop a high-quality, diverse educator workforce; provide student and family support for successful educational transitions; improve equitable access to higher education; strengthen preparation for career success; and improve awareness of postsecondary opportunities through a unified, state-level communication and outreach campaign.

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_____ President, Council on Postsecondary Education

_____ Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

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_____ Commissioner, Department of Education

_____ Chair, Board of Education

_____ Secretary, Kentucky Education and Workforce
Development Cabinet