



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

**Advancing the Big Picture**

Lead by Tammy Weidinger, Dave Schroeder and Jay Brewer

- The Fall Convening on November 18 was a great success. We had 115 people who participated providing the coalition with a lot of data to analyze.
- We had our second coalition meeting Monday, December 7, and shared with the team the data from the Fall Convening. We will meet again January 25 to discuss next steps.

**Advocating for Education**

Lead by Mike Borchers

- Jay Brewer will be the superintendent representative for the NKY Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Board. This is a state mandated regional board to reduce the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among youth and adult populations in Northern Kentucky and coordinate efforts among state agencies.
- Mike Borchers will be leading/hosting a Zoom meeting on December 22, sponsored by NKY Cooperative, with Northern Kentucky Senators and Representatives to cover education topics.

**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
- The GROW NKY Bi-annual partner update will be next Tuesday, December 15, from 1-3pm and they would love to see as many of our board members attend as possible. Jennifer will email the link to register after the meeting.

### **Reducing Barriers to Education**

Lead by Randy Poe and Rich Gilman

- The Terrace Metrics survey is ongoing, and Kenton County and Ludlow School Districts have completed their survey at this time. The other districts are in the process and we will have a full report once they're finished.
- Pillar 1 discussed identifying a local business that would be willing to work directly with the team to discuss possible solutions to their biggest workforce childcare issue.