

Kentucky Board of Education Good News

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Fayette County Student Participates in Biden-Harris Transition Team Conversations

- Grayson Kemplin, an 11th-grader at Henry Clay High School's Liberal Arts Academy, participated in three youth engagement conversations with the Biden-Harris Transition Team.
- "I asked the team about priorities related to special education and made sure they knew I was a student with a disability who benefitted from special education services in my state," he said.
- Kemplin is a strong advocate for students with disabilities through the youth engagement transition team calls and other advocacy organizations in Kentucky.



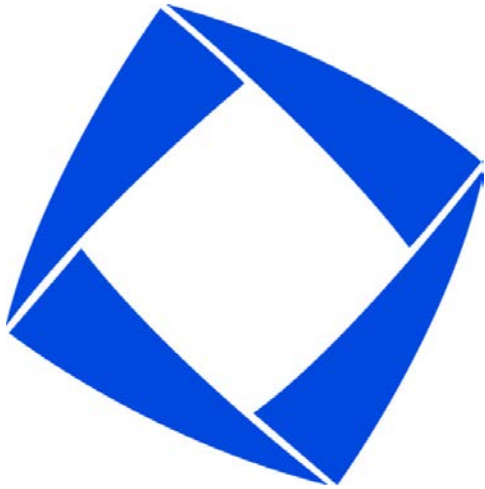


National CTE Month

- Every February, the national Career and Technical Education (CTE) community celebrates CTE Month® to raise awareness of the role CTE has in preparing our students for both careers and postsecondary education.
- In the 2019-2020 school year, more than 71% of Kentucky's high school students participated in CTE.
- One of the most unique aspects of CTE involvement includes the co-curricular student leadership organizations. These organizations allow CTE students to develop critical leadership skills, demonstrate civic engagement through service learning in their communities and allow for the demonstration of skills through competitive events at the regional, state and national levels.



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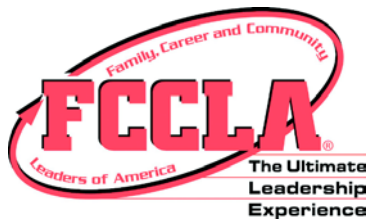


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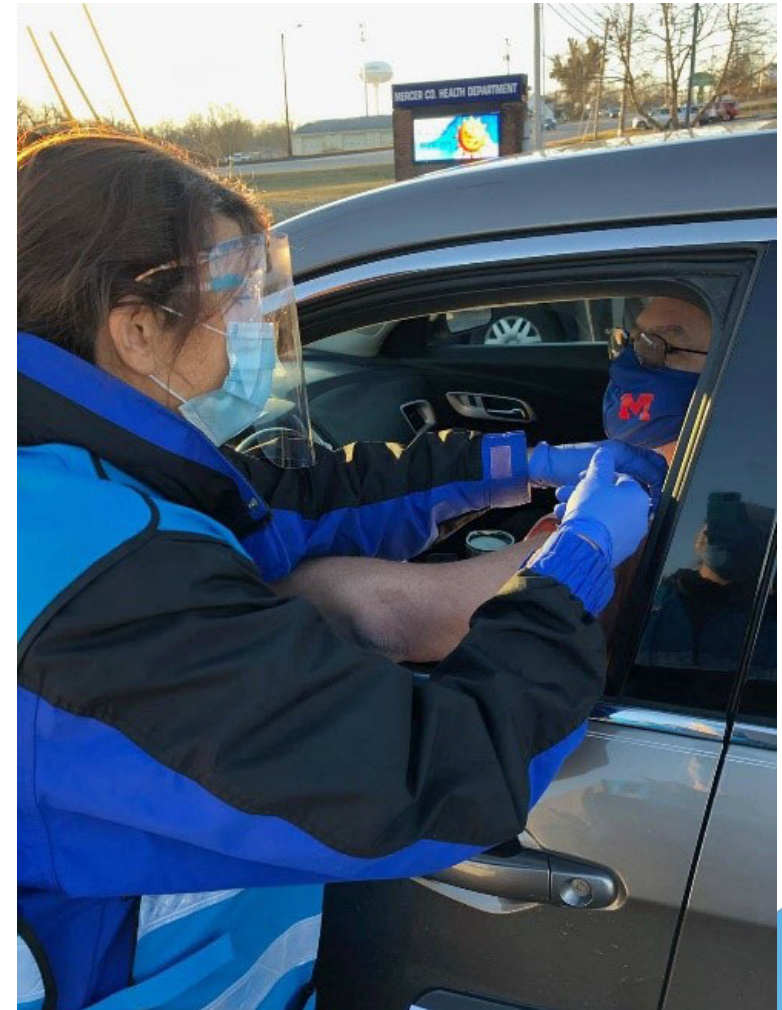


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Educators Begin Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine

- Educators across the state began receiving the COVID-19 vaccine three weeks earlier than originally scheduled
- More than 80,000 members of the education community signed up to receive vaccinations during the month of January
- The education community included in Phase 1B of the state's vaccine roll-out covers all education professionals, including teachers, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, teachers' aides, central office staff and independent contractors who meet with students
- While schools will need to continue to practice the COVID-19 mitigation strategies, educators will have a greater sense of personal security when they return to in-person instruction.



Jefferson County Student Provides a Child's Perspective on Pandemic

- Lowe Elementary student Prisha Hedau had no plans of writing a book when she began tuning in to Gov. Andy Beshear's daily COVID-19 press conferences.
- To keep herself busy, Prisha took notecards and wrote down details about her experience during the pandemic, which her mother suggested she turn into essays.
- Those essays led to her book, "PANDEMIC 2020: A 9 Year Old's Perspective."
- Prisha covers topics related to the experience of students during the COVID-19 pandemic, including tips on instilling healthy habits and how to navigate virtual learning.



iLEAD Academy Receives USED Grant

- In December, iLEAD Academy was chosen as one of five schools in the nation to develop model computer science education career pathways in USED's Rural Tech Challenge.
- The Ohio Valley Education Cooperative (OVEC), which operates iLEAD Academy, also received a \$4 million Education Innovation Research grant for a groundbreaking effort to train teachers to teach computer science in elementary and middle school.
- iLEAD will create Kentucky's first virtual Computer Science Career Academy. Students in the program will earn 12 hours of college credit targeted toward completion of one of six associate degrees in computer science or one of two associate-to-bachelor's degrees.
- Students will earn high-demand industry certifications in Digital Literacy, Computational Thinking and the programming languages JAVA and Python.
- iLEAD also will offer a virtual program introducing students to the core concepts of artificial intelligence (AI) to address the demand for AI specialists.

