



**Northern Kentucky Education Council
Coalition Update
First Quarter 2021**

Advancing the Big Picture

Lead by Dave Schroeder, Jenny McMillen and Jay Brewer

- Jenny McMillen, Ludlow Independent School District, is the new Co-Lead for this coalition. She replaced Tammy Weidinger when she retired from the Brighton Center on January 31, 2021. Jenny co-leads with Jay Brewer and Dave Schroeder.
- The Big Picture Coalition met on January 25 to discuss potential alignment of our four coalitions and the four elements of student success and our strategic initiatives moving forward.
- The Big Picture Coalition discussed potential dates, times and topics for our Spring Convening.

Advocating for Education

Lead by Mike Borchers

- Randy continues to meet with the advocacy lead, Mike Borchers, on a weekly basis to facilitate education policy items between our pipeline of partners.
- Randy attends the 3KT and the Chamber legislative forums on a weekly basis and promotes our education agenda.
- Our Education Advocacy Agenda was sent out to Superintendents and Board of Directors.

Engaging Business in College & Career Prep

Lead by Karen Cheser and Jean Loftus

- Our partnership with Grow NKY Pillar 2-College and Career Readiness: The survey, to ascertain students' knowledge of pathways in the high-need/ high-growth industry sector areas, is complete and ready to push out to high school students in Northern Kentucky.
- Randy, along with several district representatives, have been working with the WIB for alignment in Career & College readiness and high school students graduating "career ready" with the YOUTH program committee.

Reducing Barriers to Education

Lead by Randy Poe and Rich Gilman

- The Terrace Metrics survey is ongoing. Kenton County School District, Ludlow School District and Fort Thomas School District have completed the survey at this time. Owen, Boone and Campbell County School Districts will be finishing soon.
- The Education Council partners attended Parent Camp January 27 and the agenda included topics on Empowering Children with Special Education; Impact of current Grading Practices and Policy on Student Motivation; and Let's Play with Mindsets that Support Health, Well-being and Role Modeling for kids.
- Peggy and Jennifer are meeting with Districts that participate in the Terrace Metrics Resiliency Poll to understand how better they can handle the data once it is completed. Best practices will be shared later.
- The Education Council has partnered with St. Elizabeth and Thomas More University on the Dr. James E. Randolph Medical, Healthcare & Scientific Leadership Program. This is a mentoring program to inspire African American students in Northern Kentucky to become professionals in medical, healthcare, and scientific settings through academic enrichment, leadership development, civic engagement, and mentoring. Randy has promoted that Shelli Baker of NKCES and Lorraine O'Moore of Learning Grove be on the committee to facilitate better alignment between counselors, college & career coaches and the business partners.