

Teaching And Learning

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Testing is going to take place this spring. The Kentucky Department of Education has requested waivers from the United States Department of Education for accountability. USDE's stated purpose for the spring assessment is to try to gauge the effects of the pandemic on our student's learning. There is some flexibility in the testing window and calendar. We are charged with making a "good faith effort" at testing all of our students, both the in person and the virtual student. The bar for "good faith effort" is not very high.

We are scheduled to participate in the Social Studies field test for grades 3,5 and 11.

Summer school plans are being finalized. Numbers are starting to form more clearly, but as the case usually is, the Jr/Sr High numbers may not be known for another week or so.

Roger Choate of yourlearningpartners, has given a quote for use of the Case 21 Assessment System. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to join approximately fifteen other districts and get a consortium pricing. The quote seems to be fairly reasonable - with final evaluation only being possible if we choose to employ the service. Several higher performing districts do support the use.

Site visit to Calloway County Early Childhood Training Center has been scheduled for 4/15/21. Calloway has an expanded pre-school with a wrap-around day care program, very similar in many aspects to what we are hoping to grow into.

Many discussions have been held on Senate Bill 128. Should the district decide to engage in the Supplementary School Year Program, there will have to be many more discussions, as there are a lot of decisions passed to the district level -- almost on an individual participant basis.

We have, hopefully, completed all requirements to begin medicaid reimbursement. The process has been long -- undoubtedly exacerbated by COVID -- since we started in late spring/early summer of 2020. It should be worth the effort and wait.

Professional development plans for next year are being finalized for next year. As always, our time is not our own, with a few state requirements monopolizing some of our PD time.