

## **Kentucky Board of Education WSCC Sub-Committee Summary**

For more than 20 years, Kentucky has worked collaboratively with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) to address critical health behaviors and outcomes among Kentuckians. More specifically, partnerships with public health infrastructure, local schools and districts, concerned health coalitions and community leaders and the like, have afforded our Commonwealth the opportunity to connect valuable programs and resources for young people to be healthier, ready to learn and in turn, productive members of society. Research supports that minimizing challenges while increasing supports for success can pay substantial dividends in both education and health.

In 2011 the Kentucky Board of Education formed a health sub-committee as a result of working with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). The formation of group further emphasized the impact education and health had on one another to benefit Kentucky's students. Originally organized around the Coordinated School Health model, the sub-committee has played a crucial role in our state's success in several health-related areas. In the more recent years, language and the framework has evolved into the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) concept, yet the results remain the same. More information may be obtained on WSCC by clicking [here](#).

Currently, Kentucky receives funding from CDCP in the form of a 5-year cooperative agreement (2018-2023). These resources are utilized at the state and local level to enhance school health initiatives within the WSCC framework. As a qualifier for funding, we are required to have such infrastructure in place to help facilitate this work. This work group, recently renamed the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) subcommittee, includes a wide range of stakeholders from state-level agencies, advocacy groups and other state shareholders. The subcommittee will continue to meet bi-monthly (typically the afternoon prior to regular KBE meetings) to provide support and guidance on the work within the cooperative agreement and its partners.

Specific members of the WSCC sub-committee include: two KBE members (Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman and Cody Pauley Johnson); the Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH); the Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (BHDID); the executive Director of the Prichard Committee; KDE leadership from the Office of Teaching and Learning, the Division of Program Standards, the Division of School and Community Nutrition and the Division of Student Success; the Division Director of the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC); the Director of the Kentucky Out of School Alliance (KYOSA); and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. This subcommittee will continue to work to enhance the state's process of evaluating school implementation and compliance with wellness policies and student health outcomes aligned to the state consolidated plan.