



**Northern Kentucky Education Council
Coalition Update
June 2021**

Advancing the Big Picture

Lead by Dave Schroeder, Jenny McMillen and Jay Brewer

- The Big Picture Coalition continue to discuss potential alignment of our four coalitions and the four elements of student success and our strategic initiatives moving forward. The discussion and ideas from the Spring Convening are helping steer us in the direction of our next steps.

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.
- Had a terribly busy session. Advocated work for new pension bill. Opposed House Bill 563, opening borders because of current contracts with districts and unintended consequences of House Bill 563 on local funding. One benefit that was passed with House Bill 563 was full funding of all-day kindergarten. Our next advocacy on this bill is to codify full day funding of kindergarten into a KRS statute so we do not rely on it being in a budget bill moving forward.

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, has been completed by the high school students in Northern Kentucky. The results were good however all schools and all students did not participate.
- Chad Molley will be taking Karen Cheser's place in the Grow NKY Pillar 2 work.

Reducing Barriers to Education

Lead by Randy Poe and Rich Gilman

- The Terrace Metrics survey has been completed for all districts who chose to participate. We have a summary to share with data for all districts. We are working on regional data.
- The One-to-One program has received two grants totaling \$45,000. Polly and Peggy are working on the recruitment of new coaches and gearing up for the 2021-22 school year.
- We have met with John Stanton, St. Elizabeth representatives and Thomas More University educators on the Dr. James E. Randolph Medical, Healthcare & Scientific Leadership Program. The program is set to start this Fall as a virtual program for the first year. We have received several quotes for the video portion of the program which will be a "Day in the Life" of certain medical professionals. There is also discussion about t-shirts and other items to give the students and how best to announce the program to the districts.
- Heroes to Education update - a team has been put in place to help in this work from county and independent school districts.

Mark Krummen – Assistant Superintendent – Campbell County

Malina Owens – Assistant Superintendent – Kenton County

Mike Borchers – Superintendent – Ludlow

Eric McArtor – Deputy Superintendent – Boone County

The Heroes to Education Kentucky program is creating a 501c to handle processing grants to veterans relocating to Kentucky. Three to four thousand individuals selected Kentucky to relocate, and we are working to bring a supply of workers for unfilled careers.