



# Kentucky Department of **E D U C A T I O N**

## 2022 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award



Kevin C. Brown served at the KDE in various roles from 2004 to 2018. Most recently, Brown served as the Interim Commissioner of Education from December 2019 to September 2020.

Brown's time at the department throughout 2020 was marked with significant challenges that called for strategic educational leadership and clear ongoing communication that was forward-thinking, action-oriented and aimed at advancing efforts to educate, feed and support Kentucky's 650,000 students during a global pandemic.

The pandemic has highlighted the critical need for additional focus on the social and emotional well-being of students. The 2022 award seeks to recognize a person, group, organization, district, school or postsecondary institution who, through policy, practice, fundraising or philanthropy, and despite any challenges, has made it a top priority to address the social and emotional needs of Kentucky's students.

Criteria for the award include:

- Significant contributions and/or other efforts to directly support the social and emotional needs of students, families, schools and/or community members;
- Demonstrated leadership in measured efforts to meet social or emotional needs of students.

Nomination window: October - November

Award presented: February