

Dear Superintendents, State Finance Officers and Education Leaders:

Good morning, happy Friday!

I wanted to let you know that this morning, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will be announcing that we will be using up to \$8.8 million Element reimbursements to districts that have rewarded and acknowledged the time, energy, and effort staff members took to get vaccinated.

All full- and part-time employees of public school districts are eligible for a one-time vaccination incentive payment of \$100 after being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Districts that have previously have been vaccinated, as well as those who have received their full vaccinations by Dec. 1, 2021. There will be enough funding to reimburse districts.

Districts must pay employees first in order to receive reimbursement from KDE. Districts are strongly encouraged to consider providing additional funds that match the financial match is not required for participation. Currently, vaccine appointments are commonly available across the state. To find a vaccination site near you, visit <https://www.ky.gov/health/covid19/vaccine> to receive three vaccine locations near you.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccination incentive payment, you can send an email to KDE's [COVID-19 mailbox](#).

We will discuss the vaccination incentive payment (among many other important things having to do with the Special Session that just finished) during next week's meeting at 2:00 p.m.

You can watch the webcast here: <https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/watch-live/>. And you can submit questions ahead of time ahead of time [through this link](#).

Thank you for all that you continue to do for our students,

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