

Teaching And Learning

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We have begun the CDIP/CSIP process in earnest. Phase I was simply a superintendent signature and date for assurances. Phase II includes another assurance, safety reports and needs assessments. The release of test scores along with development of the needs assessments will lead to in-depth and intense looks into where we are, where we need to go and how we will get there. Phase III is due to be completed by January 1, and will include the comprehensive district plan and the professional development plans.

Ms. Ethridge and I met with Janet Railey, who is the MCC contact for dual credit. It was a very good and productive meeting. We established timeframes for the spring and fall recruitment visits, as well as in-depth discussion on the Senior Academy and financial assistance that is available to the students.

I attended the assessment conference in Louisville on 10/25 and 10/26. There were some very good strands on instruction and assessments. Much of the discussions revolved around effective and fiscally feasible instruments. Good presentations on John Hattie's work concerning leverage points for teaching and learning.

The western Kentucky Instructional Leaders Network was hosted by Murray State on 10/22/21. Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner of Assessment and Accountability, opened the meeting with an informative virtual presentation. As things stand now there will not be any flexibility from the federal level for the spring testing. KDE is working for a shorter test than what we have previously experienced. It is hoped that the individual areas will incorporate a 90 minute test compared to the previous 120 minute test. The new process will include current school status, and after this baseline year an improvement status will be established in succeeding years. Accountability groups threshold will be 30 students at the school level, and not 10 students per grade level as previous.

Building level instructional meetings are taking place in the individual buildings on Tuesdays, the elementary meetings are 8:30 and the Jr/Sr High at 10:00. Our purpose is to take an in-depth and intensive look at all things curriculum and instructional.