

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Educational Cooperatives Initiatives Update

Date: June 2022

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To review the current progress and outcomes of the Educational Cooperatives CRRSA teams and the Deeper Learning grant program.

BACKGROUND:

Summary of Issue:

United We Learn is the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) vision for the future of public education in Kentucky and is rooted in the belief that everyone in our Commonwealth – educators, families, students, business leaders – works together to support public schools in bringing about deep, authentic learning experiences for all students. The Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives (KAEC) is contributing to this vision and work through numerous initiatives. The board presentation will include both the current progress and outcomes of the CRRSA teams and the goals for the Deeper Learning grant program.

Specifically, CRRSA (Collaborative Response to Reimagine Schools for All), a collaborative initiative of the KDE and KAEC began July 2021, as a response to the unfinished learning and social-emotional needs that arose from COVID-19 school closures and inconsistencies of student participation in remote learning. This collaborative effort created a five member CRRSA team at each of the eight educational cooperatives consisting of a combination of: CRRSA Coordinator, Learning Acceleration Specialists and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Specialists.

The KDE Office of Teaching and Learning partnership with the CRRSA teams allows the regional coops to disseminate important and timely information regarding teaching and learning and to provide professional learning around the Kentucky Academic Standards, KyMTSS (multi-tiered system of supports), SEL, and designing high-quality local curriculum, including the evaluation and selection of high-quality instructional resources. CRRSA support teams are focused on providing high-quality professional learning, coaching, and feedback for districts that emphasize vibrant, innovative, and student-centered learning experiences. Each CRRSA support team is tasked with collaborating with regional partners to support the academic achievement and social-emotional development of Kentucky's students. CRRSA teams aim to build valuable relationships with districts through a regional approach with a statewide impact.

Budget Impact:

CRRSA Funding

\$18,000,000 divided by 8 coops (\$2,250,000) over a three year period; July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024

Deeper Learning Funding

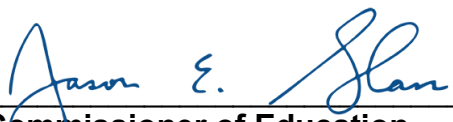
\$24,500,000 divided by 8 coops per formula over 2.3 years; April 2022 – June 30, 2022; July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024

The statewide collaboration and coordination of the CRRSA and Deeper Learning initiatives has improved the ability for regional cooperatives to connect and respond to individual district needs. Every district in the state of Kentucky has been impacted by the CRRSA work and participated in at least one professional learning opportunity. The regional co-ops are dedicated to forming and maintaining strong, close relationships with the educators and administrators in each region, and having teams of knowledgeable, skilled consultants to support districts in their continuous improvement efforts is critical. “Regional approach with a statewide impact” has been the CRRSA teams’ motto and has encouraged the regional cooperatives to join forces to develop and deliver high-quality professional learning, coaching, feedback and support that makes an impact on students across our state.

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