

## NKCES Report – August 2022

The mission of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services is to strategically leverage the united voice of the superintendents and public schools as we connect, grow and serve the region with vital services as we: provide targeted support services for education professionals, enhance quality learning for students, model and support innovative instructional leadership practices...through a united voice.

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### Executive Director Update:

Executive Director Amy Razor underwent a successful knee replacement surgery. Ms. Razor took a few weeks off to focus on her healing and rehabilitation. Mrs. Razor supported NKCES and regional work remotely. She is transitioning back to the office on September 6.

- New Teacher MOU: Executive Director Amy Razor working in collaboration with Dean Fair and Dr. Blackwell on a project to support new teachers. The MOU will be through KDE.
- Masonry work, conference calls with Angie Perkins to discuss needed masonry work on the NKCES administrative building.
- Weekly virtual meeting with CAO Melody Stacy to discuss weekly updates, pending projects and to provide guidance on upcoming events and current work.
- Attended KDE calls to stay abreast of current events, such as opening of school and general needs of districts in Eastern Kentucky devastated by floods.
- Led KAEC virtual meetings to discuss Deeper Learning Pillar topics, SPED budgets, the annual retreat and other agenda items per the cooperative
- Weekly virtual meetings with Jessica Faust to discuss operational items.

### Professional Learning (PL) Update:

**August Professional Learning:** NKCES supported 181 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during May, serving 3,548 educators.

**PL Consortium:** The 22.23 NKCES PL Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included [P3 \(Principal Partnership Project\)](#), an August NKCES update, [NKCES Deeper Learning Update](#), and planning for the monthly district share-outs. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

**Title I & Title II Meeting:** The 22.23 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included GMAP Progress Discussion, Brustein and Manasevit Training, and Title1 Admin Subscription. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

**District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting:** The 22.23 NKCES DAC Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included

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[WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT](#)

the Student Data Review and Roster (SDRR) Cleanup and the 2022 Scott Trimble Workshop. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

NKCES is honored to offer a variety of professional learning opportunities this year. All of them can be found at [NKCES Professional Learning Menu](#).

**Substitute Teacher YouTube Channel:** Our collection of videos made just for substitute teachers includes everything from classroom management strategies and the ABCs of supporting students with disabilities to what to do with extra time. Check out these great supports for elementary and secondary substitutes. <https://bit.ly/JustForYouSubstituteTeachers>

**Professional Learning Networks (PLNs):** PLNs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in collaborative environments focused on collective learning. Check out our [22.23 NKCES PLN Dates here](#)

### **Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:**

RSP's first day of school with students was August 11th, 2022. We welcomed returning and new students with incredible energy!

We will begin our partnership with Navigo in September and we are excited to get started.

Dr. Jones's NKU fall students will rejoin us starting in mid-september. RSP was able to create a small library with a grant from last year's class!

RSP continues to work on filling our remaining open positions.

### **Special Education Update:**

The NKCES DoSE Advisory Board met on August 17th. The group welcomed their newest member, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Jodi Hall, from Boone County Schools. The NKCES DoSE Meeting was held on August 26th. Topics of discussion included Indicator 8 Parent Involvement Survey, Significant Disproportionality, Emergency/Probationary requirements, etc. Ms. Amy Patterson from The KDE Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) was present to discuss Tableau Visualizations for Behavior. Ms. Linda Funke from OSEEL was present to share OSEEL updates.

Mrs. Becky Nixon led the NKCES Preschool Coordinators Meeting on August 24th. Topics discussed included GMAP changes, preschool enrollment count, KY Early Childhood Standards, etc.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Community Early Childhood Council (CECC) Meeting on August 24th. KET was present to discuss the partnership with Ready to Learn and the Early Childhood Regional Collaborative.

Mrs. Amanda Bell and Dr. Merissa Waddey are collaborating with the Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC) to support two districts that were accepted as KATC Training Sites for the 2022-2023

school year. These meetings kicked off this month by developing their action plans for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Becky Nixon, Ms. Misti Carr, and Dr. Merissa Wadley provided ARC Chair trainings to ARC Chairs in several districts.

Ms. Emily Borchers, Ms. Misti Carr, and Dr. Merissa Wadley provided multiple IEP trainings for numerous schools and districts.

Mrs. Kim Snowball and Mrs. Amanda Bell led MSD teachers through an Attainment Kit Workshop on August 4th. Teachers brought their Attainment kits and had a guided opportunity to explore the contents and collaborate for planning.

Mrs. Kim Snowball continues to facilitate the Erikson Early Math Collaborative (EEMC) for preschool teachers. Teachers are given many math resources to take back and use in their classroom.

The IDEA Consultants have presented many professional learning opportunities during this month both in schools/districts and regionally. Topics included confidentiality, specially designed instruction, IEP progress-monitoring, data analysis, strategies for supporting exceptional learners in inclusive classrooms, behavior strategies, etc.

The NKCES IDEA Team welcomed Dr. Anne Beninghof on August 23rd. She presented a session on Specially Designed Instruction for Administrators. Dr. Beninghof shared best practices and “look-fors” when observing in co-teaching classrooms. In addition, she shared tips and tools for supporting co-teaching teams and modeled excellent ways to engage with staff.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) State Directors Meeting on August 9th. Mrs. Nixon has been selected by her colleagues to lead this group during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year.

The IDEA consultants attended their respective monthly state group meetings. Mrs. Becky Nixon continues to lead the state Low Incidence Task Group.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended Teresa Combs’ Special Education Legal Update Training on August 30-September 1st.

### **Learning and Empowerment Team**

#### **CRRSA, Deeper Learning, and DEIB Update**

The CRRSA, Deeper Learning, and DEIB teams provided professional learning for over 950 educators in the month of August through providing 23 large group professional learning opportunities and multiple follow-up coaching sessions. Included in those supports were Evidence Based Practices,

Behavior Supports, A1- Awareness Training, MTSS, Trauma Informed Approach, Positive Narration and Precise Directions, SEL Integration, Writing Across the Content Areas and a Deeper Learning Overview.

CRRSA SEL Specialists from across the state met this month to continue work on support for districts who are implementing SEL. CRRSA Learning Acceleration Specialists continued to work together on evidence based practices to support MTSS implementation.

The Deeper Learning team worked with seven districts in their first month to develop Deeper Learning plans. They presented Deeper Learning Overviews to two districts and have a regional offering scheduled this month for leaders. The Deeper Learning specialists have been working at the state level to develop a pillar series for districts that will feature different vendors who could support the work of Deeper Learning.

The DEIB team provided the A1 Awareness training to one district in August. The team has been working at the state level to evaluate and learn the system for the Equity Playbook coaching support. The team has a regional A1 training this month and has worked with KDE to arrange a speaker series. NKCES will kick off the series in September with a session on Building Your Culture.

The [teachNKY collaborative website](#) focused on Routines and Procedures in August and gained 92 new users. The most viewed content was the Blog and the Graphics. The content from each month's topic is now accessible through a "Search by Topic" option. September will continue to focus on routines and procedures. October's topic will be explicit instruction and modeling. Please nominate a teacher from your district to be featured [here](#).

#### English Learners (EL) Program Update:

The EL Consultants have completed the required assessment training and have begun screening new potential English Learners in their districts. The Title III application has been completed in GMAP. EL Consultants are meeting with districts' Title III Coordinators to review ACCESS data from last year that was received in July. They are also using input from teachers and parents to finalize students' PSPs.

#### NK Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):

On August 12, Mr. Joe Bertucci led an arts integration session at the Ft. Thomas PD Academy. Mr. Bertucci has been in communication with Comprehensive Arts Planning committees at 20 schools across the region. CAP Committees are submitting completed needs assessments and action plans by September 1, to support instruction in all art forms for all students.

In collaboration with Harris Media Company, NKIAE has completed filming 32 arts instructional videos, which are now in the editing phase and expected to be released by the end of September.

Mr. Bertucci has submitted required reports to the U.S. Department of Education, and NKCES has received a continuation award for our 5-year Assistance for Arts Education grant.

**Grant Consortium Update:****District Grant Reports**

At this month's meeting, members discussed which aspects of the Grants Consortium had most impacted their districts' capacity for their own writing grant proposals. Responses included: information about availability of grants; practical tips at meetings and in conversations about planning grants; trainings provided on request on PD days or other days; handouts from trainings; networking with other districts working on grants; and editing, revision, and submission support.

**Grant Opportunities**

- Full Service Community Schools (FSCS) [Link to FSCS](#) Covington and Newport are working on a proposal and Covington Partners will be their applicant. Bellevue, Campbell County, Dayton, and Ludlow are working on one for which NKCES will be the applicant. Due September 12.
- Project Prevent [Link to Project Prevent Brief](#) Districts are considering applying. Due October 3.
- Project Aware [Link to Project Aware RFP](#) Districts are considering applying. Due October 13.
- American Rescue Plan Transition Plan (Co-ops only). Becky Nixon and Vicki Dansberry will be working on this. Due September 22.
- American Rescue Plan Early Learning Plan (Early Childhood Regional Training Centers (RTCs) only). Due September 22.

**Coming Soon:**

- School Based Mental Health
- Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant

**Grants Pending**

NSF Racial Equity for STEM Learning

AESA NSF

Trauma Informed School Services

**Multi-District Grants in Implementation**

- Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention (NKISP)
- Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE) PD for Arts Educators
- Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE) Assistance for Arts Education
- Project Prevent. This is the same grant that is available now. Kerry McHugh, coordinator for the grant that serves Erlanger Elsmere and Covington schools, talked about what the project does there and its potential for other districts.
- Positive Action

**Grants Tips/News**

- [Grants Professionals Association Conference](#), November 2-5, 2022 in Louisville!
- Vicki noted that she will be on a long-planned vacation from Sept. 29- Oct.6.

- **Meeting Date Changes:** October 13\*, November 10\*, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 (?), May 4, June 1. (\* indicates a change from the usual pattern.)
- **Meeting Location Discussion** after brief discussion, meetings will remain hybrid, with onsite meetings preferred, but zoom available as backup. Members agreed that in-person, things happen that we miss online, but that it is more practical in some cases to have the zoom backup.