



# Kentucky Department of EDUCATION

## 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.

United We Learn is our vision for the future of public education in Kentucky. This vision builds around three big ideas: creating a more vibrant experience for every student, encouraging innovation in our schools – especially when it comes to assessment, and creating a bold new future for Kentucky's schools through collaboration with our communities. These three big ideas – students, innovation and community – form the vision for the future of public education in Kentucky. United We Learn means everyone in our Commonwealth – educators, families, students, community members and business leaders – working together to support our public schools in bringing about deep and authentic learning experiences for all students. The 2022 award seeks to recognize a person, group, organization, district, school or postsecondary institution who, through policy and practice, makes it a top priority to champion United We Learn.

Criteria for the award includes:

- Significant contributions and/or other efforts to champion United We Learn and its efforts to support the reimagining of learning in Kentucky by co-creating a vision with communities, fostering local innovation and advancing policy recommendations aligned with this work.

Nomination window: October - November

Award presented: February