

NKCES Report – October 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.

BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT

Executive Director Update:

BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT

Executive Board Meeting, October 14: Executive Director Amy Razor led the Executive Committee through the board agenda as well as through the tentative panel discussion with board meeting guests NKU Board of Regents and NKCES Superintendent PLC guest, Senator Damon Thayer.

BOONE COUNTY

BRACKEN COUNTY

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Legislative Day in Frankfort, October 17: Executive Director Amy Razor, along with education leaders from across the state, met in Lexington to speak to legislators and show their support for public education.

CARROLL COUNTY

COVINGTON INDEPENDENT

Meeting with Barnes Dennig, October 18: Executive Director Amy Razor met with Mr. George Sparks to discuss the growth and financial well being of NKCES following this past year's audit. We look forward to sharing the positive narrative with the Board in November.

DAYTON INDEPENDENT

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FLEMING COUNTY

NKYEC Fall Convening, October 18: Executive Director Razor, CAO Melody Stacy, and many superintendents attended the event to keep abreast of NKYEC initiatives.

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT

GRANT COUNTY

Superintendent Webcast, October 18: Executive Director Amy Razor, along with educational leaders across the state, participated in the monthly webcast delivered by Dr. Glass and his staff.

GREENUP COUNTY

KENTON COUNTY

NKCES Board of Directors Meeting, October 19: President Middleton and Executive Director Amy Razor led the board through the NKCES agenda. NKU board of regents members attended the meeting in a Q&A setting to allow NKCES superintendents a better understanding of NKU's position on becoming an authorizer of a P-12 charter school. The conversation was not as productive as NKCES superintendents had hoped. To ensure the united voice of NKCES superintendents are heard, the Executive Committee will be speaking during public comment at the board of regents meeting on November 9. Additionally, Senator Damon Thayer attended the NKCES Superintendent PLC to discuss critical education topics ahead of the legislative session.

LUDLOW INDEPENDENT

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT

OWEN COUNTY

PENDLETON COUNTY

SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT

WALTON-VERONA INDEPENDENT

WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT

OneNKY Meeting, October 19: Ms. Karen Finan reached out to Executive Director Razor to request a meeting with Campbell, Kenton, and Boone Counties' superintendents. The goal of the meeting was for Ms. Finan to learn more about the needs of our public school system as OneNKY creates their educational focus.

School On Fire hosted by GRREC, October 20-21: Executive Director Razor was invited by the Executive Director Bart Flenner to attend this event. Executive Director Razor had an incredible

experience, with many takeaways related to Deeper Learning. We hope to bring this event to NKY in the near future!

Education Cooperative Executive Director KDE Meeting, October 24: Executive Director Amy Razor, along with the other seven regional cooperative directors, participated in the monthly KDE call to keep informed of state initiatives and share report outs to KDE on current events. A highlight of the call was the LETRS program and the new CEO rank change program.

KAEC Meeting, October 24: Executive Director Amy Razor, other state cooperative directors, and Dr. Robb Smith, Director of Deeper Learning came together to discuss a shared agenda. This meeting is a standing meeting with an agenda that is created by all cooperative directors prior to the meeting. A highlight of this meeting was to discuss Deeper Learning Conference Opportunities at KASS, a summer conference in July, and specifics related to KAEC to strengthen our partnership.

Leadership Meeting, October 24: Each month the leadership team meets as a group to continue our learning through a book study and conversation centered around how we can apply the principles in the Infinite Game to our work at NKCES. We also revisit our RACI chart to keep in alignment with one another.

Gutter repair and cleanout, October 30: NKCES continues to perform building maintenance to ensure its safety and longevity of the building. The most recent update was gutter repair and cleanout, which took place this past weekend.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

September Professional Learning: NKCES supported 141 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during September, serving 1174 educators.

PL Consortium: The 22.23 NKCES PL Consortium continued in October with a collaborative meeting. Topics included a [New Personnel Director PLN](#) & IC updates, an October NKCES update, NKCES Learning & Empowerment Update, a presentation from Bloomboard about Option 9, and a monthly district share-out from Williamstown's Amy Harris about their New Teacher Institute. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Title I & Title II Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium continued in October with a collaborative meeting. Topics included Comparability Report and Title I District Consolidated Monitoring Checklist Review & Discussion. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting: The 22.23 NKCES DAC Consortium continued in October with a collaborative meeting. Topics included the [2022 Scott Trimble Workshop](#) and assessment results release debrief. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

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](#)

Special Education Update:

The NKCES DoSE Advisory Board met on October 25. The NKCES DoSE Meeting was held on October 28. Topics of discussion included KDE’s Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) new Indicator Guide, Fiscal Monitoring, etc. Mr. Jonathan Compton from OSEEL was present and reviewed OSEEL’s Fiscal Monitoring Requirements.

Mrs. Becky Nixon led the Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) State Directors Meeting on October 11. OSEEL was present and shared updates and upcoming important dates.

Mrs. Becky Nixon and Mrs. Amanda Bell met with the Director of Unified Champion Schools on October 14 to plan a state-wide information session regarding becoming a Unified Champion School. This information session is scheduled for November 30th from 3:30 to 4:30.

Mrs. Becky Nixon attended the KYCASE Executive Board Planning Meeting on October 25. The board worked on planning for the KYCASE Spring Institute which is March 23 and KYCASE Summer Conference which is July 17-18.

The NKCES Preschool Coordinator’s Meeting was held on October 26. Topics of discussion included the new OSEP Dear Colleague Letter on IDEA Services in Head Start, Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process, etc.

The NKCES Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) is excited to announce they were awarded the FY23 American Rescue Plan Transition Grant (ARP TG). This grant offers \$220,000 in funding for the SERTACs to develop a program to support districts in providing learning opportunities to overcome the challenges of the Covid pandemic as it relates to post-secondary transition.

The SERTAC team continued completing compliance record reviews in several districts. In addition, the SERTAC continued to provide coaching and support for teachers and administrators across the region.

Mrs. Amanda Bell and Dr. Merissa Waddey continue the partnership with the KY Autism Training Center (KATC) to support two regional training sites.

Mrs. Becky Nixon and Mr. Jarrod Slone from OSEEL continued to provide assistance to districts related to significant disproportionality.

Dr. Merissa Waddey continues to plan with the KYCEC Conference Committee to facilitate the 56th Annual KY Exceptional Children’s Conference in Louisville, KY on Nov. 20-22. Their New Teacher Academy will provide KAR-required professional development for emergency/probationary teachers.

Mrs. Becky Nixon and Dr. Merissa Waddey hosted Dr. Scott Yaruss on Oct. 31 for School-Age Stuttering Therapy: A Practical Approach. Dr. Yaruss delivered this critical 6-hour training for 115 Speech-Language Pathologists statewide.

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

Learning and Empowerment Team:

The Learning and Empowerment team worked with over 390 educators and 20 districts this month.

The CRRSA team partnered with 12 districts and served 348 Northern Kentucky educators. The Learning Acceleration team led professional learning on Reading and Writing Standard Clarity, MTSS, Learning Acceleration, Writing Across the Curriculum and Differentiation. The Social Emotional Learning team led professional learning on Tier 1 Behavior Strategies, Compassion Resilience, Positive Narration and Precise Directions, Trauma Informed Practices and Community Meetings. They also provided a book study to two schools on the book *Every Student, Every Day*.

Learning Acceleration Specialist (LAS) Amelia Powers led a statewide book study for cooperative coaches on *The PD Book* and participated in the UK Next Gen Leadership cohort. Both teams participated in the monthly statewide CRRSA meetings and continued work on an SEL Implementation Guide and MTSS Academic supports.

The Deeper Learning team worked with districts to either continue developing or start supporting the district Deeper Learning plans. The team also participated in statewide Deeper Learning meetings, the UK Next Gen Leadership cohort and attended the Science of Learning Training and the Aurora Institute Symposium.

Mr. Henry Astudillo, NKCES DEI Specialist, partnered with KDE and Engage 2 Learn for a training with Boone County school and district leaders on Equity Playbook coaching. He continued to engage in coaching meetings with those leaders throughout the month.

Mr. Joe Bertucci of The Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts in Education attended the Educational Theatre Association's national conference, bringing new ideas and connections back to our region. He also met with the federal program officer for our Assistance for Arts Education grant, which began its second year on October 1. Schools participating in our AIM program are receiving arts supplies to meet needs on their comprehensive arts plans, and [32 videos](#) have been published and shared to support arts education across our region.

The Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention partnered with 7 community organizations and 10 districts this month. The team attended the Too Good for Drugs and Violence training in Boston, Massachusetts and are now ready to bring the program to NKCES districts. The team hosted a regional steering committee meeting, a Catch My Breath training and participated in meetings with multiple community partners. Mrs. Christi Jefferds and Ms. Abby Beausir presented and hosted a session at the NKY Youth Vaping Summit and provided t-shirts for all attendees. The team also distributed over 50,000 promotional items and resources to NKCES member schools in anticipation of Red Ribbon Week.

The CEO II Program partnership with KEDC, WKEC and BloomBoard is working with interested teachers and districts to create a January cohort. Interested teachers will meet with all three cooperatives for one onboarding call on November 1st or November 2nd. The team has monthly meetings for existing mentors, and those were held on October 26th and 27th.

Grant Consortium Update:

\$10,000,000+ in grant applications funded in October: Bellevue Schools, approximately \$1.875 million over five years, from Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success; Campbell County Schools, approximately \$3.8 million over four years for Trauma Informed School Services; Covington Independent Public Schools, approximately \$680,000 over three years for Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioids; NKCES on behalf of Bellevue, Boone County, Carroll County, Dayton, Grant County, Kenton County, Ludlow, Pendleton County, Southgate, and Williamstown, \$3.88 million over four years for Trauma Informed School Services. NKCES Special Education was awarded a Transition Grant from KDE. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to put these plans in place!

Trauma Informed School Services implementation has begun! Ms. Michelle Klein will be the Project Director and she and Vicki Dansberry met online with the Washington project officer to get beginning directives. From here, Michelle will serve as district contact for this project until a Coordinator is hired.

Collaborative Grants Submitted: Full Service Community Schools, two applications (Covington/Newport); NKCES on behalf of Bellevue, Campbell County, Dayton, and Ludlow). Project Prevent: Williamstown/Grant County. NKCES on behalf of 19 districts, School Based Mental Health grant. American Rescue Plan Transition Grant in collaboration with NKCES Special Education.

We will discuss these opportunities and more on November 10 at our 10:00 AM meeting at the co-op's Grow Room.

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

RSP has filled our open custodial position! We welcomed Mr. Tom Forman to our staff in October! Navigo partnership is fully implemented now and the students who are participating are enjoying the exposure and experience.

We are still working with Americorp on recruiting for a Kentucky College Coach (KCC) staff member to work with students on post-secondary transition readiness.

RSP is continuing to work on filling vacancies, we have had some new candidates applying and are conducting interviews.

Mix94.9 will be starting their promotion in November for our holiday Pack the Pantry food drive.