

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and educational posters. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

# Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

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# Council Makeup

- 72 members who meet collectively twice a year
- Audrey Gilbert, Council Chair
- Standing Committees meet monthly
  - Vibrant Learning Experiences
  - Accelerating Innovation especially as it pertains to accountability
  - Building a Bold New Future with Communities

# Our group represents multiple perspectives



# BNF is community-oriented

- The Building a Bold New Future (BNF) Committee is community-oriented, focusing specifically on community and family engagement as those concepts relate to the United We Learn Council's core tenets.
  - Collaboration, innovation and vibrant learning experiences all require a community-oriented mindset.

# BNF is Policy-focused

- The BNF Committee is policy-focused. Our group has been tasked with developing the Commonwealth's education policy framework in response to stakeholders' needs.
  - Stakeholders envision such ideas as community collaboration, innovation and vibrant learning experiences coming to life in their schools. Our group continues to survey the landscape to aid this development.

# BNF - Six-month goal, from April 2023

- Over the next six months, the committee will specifically work to build capacity and increase engagement among communities, families and students to support policy implementation that supports the reimagining of the education system in the Commonwealth by collecting data from every district to understand the value of skills like those on state and local Portraits of a Learner to inform aligned changes to state graduation requirements.



# BNF - Realizing our goal, working toward achievement

- We are surveying stakeholders to gauge their perceptions, including district leaders, school leaders, community members, parents, students and more — seeking broad representation in our analyses.
- We meet regularly and collaborate with fellow council members, including those who belong to other committees.

# Council - In Progress

- Selecting a new vice chair of the council
- Surveying council members
  - Recommit for another year
  - What's working and what can we improve?
- Preparing for Nov. 2-3 convening in Frankfort
  - Nail down the “moonshot”
  - How will we know we are achieving the moonshot?
  - How does each committee contribute?



# Council - In Progress (cont.)

- Drafting a process for how committees work together and move from findings to proposals to recommendations for KDE and KBE
- If needed, we will seek to include more members who will be invited to the November convening

# Council - Communication

- Monthly newsletter
- Website

<https://education.ky.gov/UnitedWeLearn/Pages/United-We-Learn-Council.aspx>