

NKCES Report – August 2023

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

Talent Magnet Institute, August 15: Executive Director Amy Razor and Chief Academic Officer Melody Stacy met with Mike Siple to discuss the services and opportunities to connect with NKCES. He shared some free resources for our team and we plan to review the materials/modules for future work.

BOONE COUNTY

BRACKEN COUNTY

CAMPBELL COUNTY

CARROLL COUNTY

COVINGTON INDEPENDENT

Regional School Program, August 16: Principal Stephanie Turner, Executive Director Amy Razor and RSP Staff were so excited to finally welcome back the students! The halls were bright with freshly waxed floors, fresh paint and new lighting. For the first time in many years, RSP is fully staffed. We also have the support of an AmeriCorp member; we are thrilled to keep this partnership going as the students really enjoy this extra support. Everyone is looking forward to a successful year of growth and learning!

DAYTON INDEPENDENT

ERLANGER-ELSMERE INDEPENDENT

FLEMING COUNTY

Rick Wurth, CHNKY - August 21: Rick Wurth requested a meeting to discuss the services of CHNKY and the opportunities for the region. He also asked if it were possible to get a signed copy of the letter of support and we were able to work together as a board to accomplish this for him. He believes this letter will be invaluable for his work to secure funding for mental health services for the region.

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT

GRANT COUNTY

GREENUP COUNTY

KENTON COUNTY

PL Consortium, August 25: Executive Director Amy Razor attended the PL Consortium meeting to connect with leaders across the region.

LEWIS COUNTY

LUDLOW INDEPENDENT

EducateNKY, August 25: Executive Director Amy Razor met with Tim Hanner to discuss the mission of EducateNKY. He requested the meeting as he is spending the first few months in his new role sharing with all key stakeholders.

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

OWEN COUNTY

KDE Education Cooperative Executive Committee Monthly Meeting, August 28: Executive Director Amy Razor along with the other 7 regional education cooperatives' leaders participated in the monthly virtual meeting with KDE to hear from them on current initiatives and discuss any pressing items that are beneficial for the group to hear.

PENDLETON COUNTY

SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT

WALTON-VERONA INDEPENDENT

WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT

KAEC Virtual Meeting, August 28: Following the KDE monthly Education Cooperative, Executive Director Amy Razor hosted a zoom call with the other 7 regional education cooperative directors to debrief from the KDE and stay informed of current events in the state throughout the cooperatives.

NKCES Team Retreat, September 7 & 8: Our team retreat is held in September as we protect August so that our team can be available for your districts. The focus of our retreat was on our mission, vision and most importantly, our new core values of NKCES! The time spent together is always invaluable. We plan to share outcomes of our meeting at the board meeting in September.

Facilities

Building Update: In the August update, it was mentioned that 2 of the 3 boilers were in need of full replacements. The most recent update is the first boiler was removed and the new boiler is days away from being fully installed. The second boiler will be removed on or around September 15th.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

August Professional Learning: NKCES supported 169 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during August, serving 3,906 educators.

Professional Learning (PL) Consortium: The 23.24 NKCES PL Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included [Needs Assessment Exploration](#), [NKCES IDEA/SERTAC Update](#), [NKCES Learning & Empowerment Update](#), and planning for the monthly district share-outs. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

Title I & Title II Meeting: The 23.24 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included GMAP Progress Discussion, beginning of the year responsibilities, and focus for the year. The meeting ended with a member-led PLC discussion.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting: The 23.24 NKCES DAC Consortium kicked off in August with a collaborative meeting. Topics included the Senior ACT - Fall Optional Test, K Screen Updates, Data Quality Control Process, Requesting AKSA Visual Impairment Materials, and the 2023 Scott Trimble Workshop. 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. [23-24 NKCES PLN Dates](#).

NKCES is honored to offer a variety of professional learning opportunities. All of them can be found in our [Professional Learning Catalog](#).

Special Education Update:

The NKCES Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) team joined all of the other cooperative SERTACs from across the state for a Beginning of the Year kickoff on August 22nd and 23rd. All members got to meet with their state level tasks groups and network with other state cooperative leaders.

The first NKCES IDEA team meeting of the year was held on August 20th. It consisted of planning for professional learning and the team developed a scope of work to best connect with districts and gain context of coaching and professional learning needs.

The first regional Directors of Special Education meeting occurred Friday, August 25th. The DoSE provided their perspective regarding the support needed in their districts through a needs assessment exploration activity. They also received the book, *How to Work with Almost Anyone* by Micheael Bungay Stanier, that will drive some collaborative, yet personal development over the course of the first semester.

Mrs. Amanda Bell spent the entire month of August devoted to our region's MSD teachers and Paraprofessionals. She hosted a make-and-take with teacher-para teams and helped set up several classrooms. She also participated in a 3-day virtual TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped) Children training which is part of a series that will allow her to become TEACCH certified. Mrs. Bell led a National Speaker session with Ms. Kelly Mahler through which participants learned about Interoception.

The SERTAC team welcomed Mrs. Jacqueline Alexander on board as the new transition coordinator. She has arranged a trip to Carl D. Perkins for regional students, teachers, and families on September 28th.

Learning and Empowerment Team:

Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention

The NKISP team attended the National Prevention Network Conference in Birmingham, where they presented a breakout session called "Merging Best Practices for Youth Cannabis and e-Cigarette Prevention." They also attended a regional presentation called "Cannabis to Candy: The Evolution of Marijuana". NKISP has continued to collaborate and plan for the upcoming regional Oct. 24 NKY Youth Summit, and collaboration for the NKY Regional Youth Advisory Council has been ongoing.

Kentucky Center for Mandarin Language and Culture

This year, KCMLC has kicked off with 10 teachers in 5 districts, teaching over 2,600 students. The KCMLC teachers will attend the KY World Language Association conference in Lexington on September 30. Planning is underway for a late September visit to the Dual Language Immersion Program in Utah to observe best practices.

School-Based Mental Health and Trauma Informed Services in Schools

The SBMH & TISS grant work has been focused on creating monitoring systems and processes for the implementation of both grants. Most of the recent work included attending participation in federal grant monitoring meetings/webinars, onboarding new mental health staff, analysis of possible applicants for the remaining open positions, meeting with mental health resource companies to discuss future professional learning opportunities for the region, meeting with districts to assist with decision making for their SBMH personnel, and meeting with TISS districts to assist in utilizing available funds for year one of the grant.

Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education

Joe Bertucci served in two districts for professional development before the start of school. The NKIAE team has been ordering supplies for districts involved in the program. They have also been planning for their retreat in September.

Deeper Learning Team

The Deeper Learning team worked in 5 districts, where they served 202 educators. They also continued working on data collection from districts for KDE and met with Deeper Learning districts to assist in utilizing available funds for year two of the grant. The Deeper Learning Team planned cohorts for the upcoming year to include meeting with presenters on focused learning outcomes to best meet regional needs and ongoing learning. The team started planning for this year's Deeper Learning Summit.

Collaborative Response to Reimagine Schools for All

The CRRSA team has been in 9 districts serving over 1,000 educators with the focus ranging from behavior strategies to the power of the formative assessment process to diving deeper into science practices. Our Learning Accelerated Specialist is currently working on CRSSA's statewide virtual content trainings that will be offered beginning in October. Hallie Booth was also asked to be on a panel discussion with Fort Thomas for their kickoff back-to-school event.

Grant Consortium Update:

Upcoming deadlines: [Prichard Committee](#) Kentucky Community Schools Initiative (due 9/8)

Grants pending: Full Service Community Schools; Innovative Approaches to Literacy; Action for Healthy Kids Meals (rural)

Info needed: Please review this [link](#) to be sure the appropriate grants representative(s) is (are) listed. We will update our mailing list based on this information.

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

RSP's first day back was August 16th. It was great to have our students back in the building and celebrating our rebranding!

We were able to completely staff the program just before the start of the school year, and currently have no vacancies remaining.

Our doors, locks, and bathroom painting are also completed now.