

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE
REVIEW ITEM**

Topic: Competitive Grants for State Assessment (CGSA) Update

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State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

In September 2022, Kentucky was awarded a Competitive Grant for State Assessment (CGSA) from the United States Department of Education. The grant award was \$3,000,000 over a four year period. Under the Federal accounting year of October 1-September 30, Kentucky just completed the first year of the CGSA grant.

Kentucky’s CGSA grant proposal centered around the United We Learn vision and specifically around the second big idea of “encouraging innovation in our schools – **especially when it comes to assessment and accountability**”. Specifically, the grant will “support the cultivation and scaling of local innovations in assessment and accountability (A&A) that drive Kentucky toward a statewide competency-based education(CBE) model with associated statewide A&A systems that ultimately impact the entirety of the state’s 171 LEAs, 1,477 schools, and nearly 648,000 students”.

This goal is being accomplished through a series of milestones and deliverables spread across the four years of the grant. The primary deliverable of the first year of the grant was the establishment of the Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council with it’s three committees linked to the three big ideas of the United We Learn Vision (Vibrant Learning Experiences, Innovation in Assessment and Accountability and Bold New Future). There was also the first of a series of deliverables related to the evaluation of the grant which has also been completed. All Year Two milestones are in progress.

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