

Kentucky Board of EDUCATION

2023 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.

A Portrait of a Learner is an agreed-upon set of school or district-level aspirations for what every learner will know and be able to do when they leave school. A portrait gives school leaders and teachers the framework to design instruction to feature deep and meaningful learning experiences in a way that promotes real-world competencies and job readiness.

The 2023 award seeks to recognize a school or district who, through policy and practice, makes it a priority to support the successful adoption and implementation of a Portrait of a Learner.

Criteria for the award includes:

- Significant contributions and/or other efforts to support the successful adoption and implementation of a Portrait of a Learner by co-creating with communities a set of competencies for all learners, development of a performance assessment system, provision of deeper learning opportunities for all students and educators and adoption of local policies to support deeper learning instruction and assessment.

Nomination window: October - November

Award presented: February