January 2024 Board Report

Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

An Assistive Technology conference is being held in January that the DoSE and SLP and one preschool teacher will be attending.

KDE will be on site January 29th for a compliance review. More details to come.

Caseload planning meetings continue to evaluate how students are assigned in order to ensure maximum benefit.

NKCES is hosting an LRP webinar on Least Restrictive Environment that I will be attending and have invited ARC chairs to attend.

Early Childhood Services

Museum field trip for preschool was a great success.

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 92 books a month home to infants and toddlers.

Hear our ROAR weekly book program continues. We send home 52 books each week, tied to the weekly theme and what students are learning, to build their own home libraries.

English Learners

NKCES is providing services for our English Learners.

GES: 3 students

BHS: 5 students

ACCESS testing will be administered next month.

Gifted and Talented

Please see attached report.

Monthly GT meetings topics include: early entrance into kindergarten, website development, potential funds for visiting artists for GT identification, budget reviews and referral systems and norms.

Grants

KyCL grant is going strong with teacher training, district literacy team meetings, etc. Scholastic will remain our partner for the 2023-2024 school year for K-12. In addition, teachers are being presented with the opportunity to participate in the LETRS training. Presented by Lexia Learning, the continuum of ECLETRS and LETRS in a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling and associated language skills. This training provides knowledge and skills in the area of literacy that can be used with any reading program. A no cost extension will be pursued by the state department which will extend the use of the funds by one year.

Preschool Partnership Grant supports a full day preschool option with a focus on the social and emotional health of our youngest Tigers. Aunt Kathy’s is open at GES Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is the final year of funding for this particular grant.

MAF grant awarded to the district is supporting the work of a GES math coach. The grant requires the coach to be enrolled in courses through the University of Louisville to become an expert in math content and coaching and modeling for teachers on best practices for math instruction. This is the final year of funding.