

# Kevin Dailey

## 2024 Kentucky Teacher of the Year



Teacher of the  
Year Instagram



Social Studies Teacher  
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Boone County  
2021 Milken Educator

# Year At A Glance



Speaking Engagements



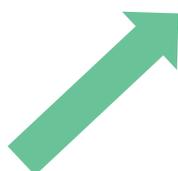
**Primary Goal:  
Promote Public  
School Teachers**



Advocacy



KDE Meetings



Teacher of the Year Project



Professional Learning





Visit the *Imperfect Classroom* website

## The Hypothesis

The most engaging, interesting and successful classrooms are those where the teacher creates a space and an environment that is an expression of themselves.

They, the teachers, are the classroom. They are the artists. They are the magic.

## The Plan

1. Locate incredible teachers from across the Commonwealth through grassroots methods
2. Celebrate them to their community
3. Distill those attributes that make them magic and disperse that to new and aspiring teachers so that they can find their magic sooner

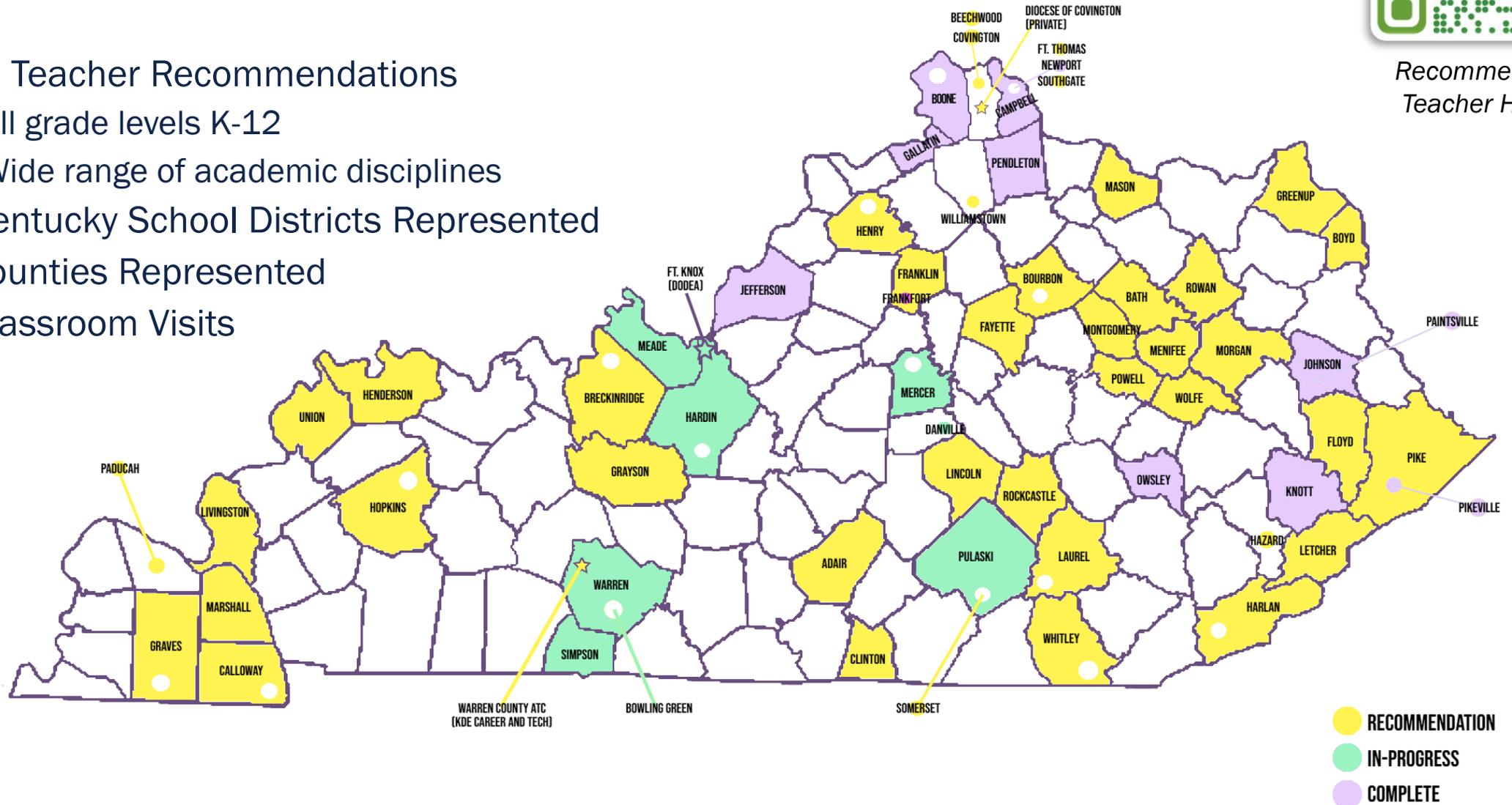


# Results of the Imperfect Classroom



Recommend a Teacher Here

- 100+ Teacher Recommendations
  - All grade levels K-12
  - Wide range of academic disciplines
- 63 Kentucky School Districts Represented
- 51 Counties Represented
- 20 Classroom Visits





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## Lessons Learned

### Teachers

You can't do everything all the time. Prioritize your time and energy into the parts of you that serve you and your students best. *YOU* are the magic of the classroom.

### Administrators

Classrooms, and by extension students, are the most successful when teachers feel trusted as professionals and valued for what *THEY* bring to the table.

### Community

There are incredible things happening in your school. Teachers are going above and beyond to support your child and your community. Right now, they need your support.

# KDE Meetings

Met with members of the Kentucky Department of Education Leadership Team to learn more about the work of KDE and to share updates and perspectives as an educational ambassador



# Speaking Engagements

- EdRising Regional, State Competitions
- KDE Commissioner's Student Advisory, Teacher Advisory Councils
- Northern Kentucky Education Council Banquet Keynote
- Imperfect Classroom Presentation
  - Boone County EdCamp
  - Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services Deeper Learning\*
  - Kenton County EdCamp\*
- Covington Board of Education Alumni Presentation
- Commencement Speaker
  - University of Kentucky Master's in Secondary Education with Initial Certification Program
  - Holmes High School

\* *Upcoming event*



# Advocacy

- Wrote and published 20 articles celebrating Kentucky teachers
- Interviews with GoTeachKY podcast, Kentucky Education Association, PBS, Google and other media outlets
- Multiple opinion articles published
- Meetings with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senator Rand Paul, U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie and U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey on Capitol Hill
- Conversations with U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and First Lady Britanny Beshear

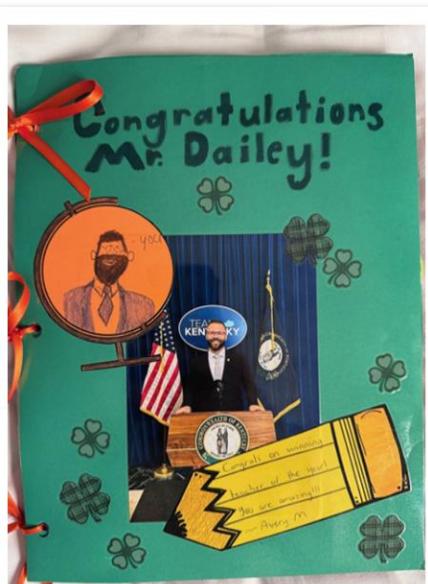


# Professional Learning

- KDE Accessibility Training
- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Orientation
  - Own Your Story
  - Advocacy
  - Google Education and AI
- CCSSO Washington Week
  - Advocating for Education Nationally
  - Deep Listening
  - Building Early Literacy
  - Mental Well-Being for Students and Teachers



# First-Ever State Dinner Honoring Teachers



Inspired, but they are also tired  
Innovative, but inundated  
Encouraged, but exhausted  
But most of all, they are necessary

*Thank you for this opportunity  
and your ongoing support of  
public schools.*

