

NKCES Report – May 2024

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.

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WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT

This month the team spent time learning and preparing for our email migration to Gmail. The execution of the migration was highly successful due to a lot of teamwork and the expertise and support of the Erlanger-Elsmere Technology Department.

Department Meetings: Dr. Amy Razor spent the month meeting with department leads to close the fiscal year and discuss 2024-25 plans.

CBE Press Conference: This group continues to provide incredible support for all kids in public schools. Recently, they have partnered with BlueDot to host Press Conferences across the state. The NKY press conference will be held at NKCES on June 20 at 6 PM. Additionally, as Superintendent Brewer begins his retirement, I'd like to recognize him for his outstanding work with CBE and keep the NKCES Board updated each month.

NKCES Synergy Meeting, April 15: Each month, the NKCES team pauses and comes together to engage in learning and meaningful conversations. This month, the team welcomed Learning Forward, TX, who joined us as we focused on our team goals for the year through the lens of the PL Standards.

Procurement Meeting, April 16: Dr. Razor spent time with Procurement Director Mike Wilson to discuss the current progress of developing procurement opportunities in Northern Kentucky. Mr. Wilson looks forward to sharing his progress with the board in May!

Finance Meeting: Each month, Dr. Razor meets with Business Manager Mrs. Angie Perkins to keep abreast of finances and planning for future expenses. This month's focus has been ongoing as we work to close out 2024 successfully.

Fleming County Accountability Meeting, May 14: Dr. Razor connected Dr. Brian Creasman with Mrs. Amity Kukla who is highly skilled in data analysis, especially in schools, as she is a prior educator. Dr. Creasman plans to continue working with Mrs. Kukla to improve overall academic performance.

Facilities:

Building Update: As our organization grows, we find it more challenging to host larger groups at NKCES as our space is limited. The parking lot is an area of concern.

As part of the Arts In Mind project, an outdoor arts and professional learning center will be installed to meet the needs of learners. The center will be outside between the modulares and the Synergy Room exterior wall. Work has been ongoing, weather permitting, on the stage and surrounding outdoor space. We are expecting to complete it in the coming months.

RSP Cafeteria Upgrades will begin once the school year ends. The upgrades will include new flooring, fresh paint, and general maintenance.

Brick tucking will continue this summer to maintain the building structurally. We anticipate one more session following this summer.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

April Professional Learning: NKCES supported 94 professional learning opportunities focused on academics, culture and climate, leadership, and special education during May, serving 898 educators.

Professional Learning (PL) Consortium, April 26: The 2023.24 NKCES PL Consortium ended in April and the dates have been set for the 2024-25 school year. These meetings are set to occur in-person from 10 am-12 pm on Aug 23, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 25.

Title I & Title II Meeting, April 26: The 2023.24 NKCES Title I/Title II Consortium ended in April and the dates have been set for the 2024-25 school year. These meetings are set to occur in person from 8 am-930 am on Aug 23, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 25.

District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Meeting, April 16: The 2023.24 NKCES DAC Consortium ended in April and the dates have been set for the 2024-25 school year. These meetings are set to occur virtually from 10 am-12 pm on Aug 6, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Jan 14, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15.

Professional Learning Networks (PLNs): PLNs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in collaborative environments focused on collective learning. Coming soon is our 2024.25 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:

Mrs. Jacki Alexander planned and executed NKTI Reverse Transition Fair with the help of the IDEA Team. The Reverse Career Fair was a huge success: 43 Seniors from 6 area schools participated, 22 Companies interviewed, 50% of companies report the intention of offering students an interview, 20% report the intent to offer them a position, 26% report the intention of offering an internship. The

ARP Transition Grant will end September 30, 2024. Sustainable activities of the Grant will continue. Data on Indicator 13 will need to be collected for the NKTl participants (2 files per participant)

The NKCES SERTAC team completed Services Feedback summary to District Administration in Walton Verona. We are so thankful to Walton Verona Elementary School for welcoming us in to see the great things that are happening in their special education program. Ms. Brittney Howell met with district administration to be able to review the data the SERTAC team collected and developed action for future professional learning and celebration.

IDEA Team prepares for summer learning. The team eagerly gathered to lay out all the tasks that need to be completed for summer learning. Based on regional KSA data, literacy instruction is a big focus. We welcome the opportunity to help our NKCES region teachers build a toolbox of instructional skills to address reading.

IDEA Team Members join forces with Learning and Empowerment for Learning Forward Professional Learning. Professional learning and continuing education are vital for our NKCES team to stay abreast of evolving PL practices, technology, and methodologies. It ensures we can effectively meet the diverse needs of all educators and adapt to changing curricula.

Ms. Brittney Howell held the last regional DoSE meeting of the year. The last DoSE meeting of the 2023-24 school year centered around data summer data collection, summer learning, and resources/needs of each district special education teams that NKCES could support.

Learning and Empowerment Team:

Northern Kentucky Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):

In May, Mr. Joe Bertucci met with partners including ArtsWave and the Kentucky Arts Council to develop support for teaching artists in our region. He also collaborated with Kim Thomson of Boone County Schools and Alissa Paasch of The Carnegie to submit a 2024-25 plan for The Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program. Mr. Bertucci provided information and hosted two virtual meetings for district arts ambassadors and finance directors to review the process and required documentation for the updated Arts In Mind program. He also managed final preparations and registrations for the upcoming July workshops, supporting both arts education and arts integration. More than 100 arts educators from 21 districts are registered for the regional Visual & Performing Arts Workshop on July 22.

Northern Kentucky Institute for Strategic Prevention (NKISP):

This month, NKISP team had their Steering Committee Meeting, et with Ignite Institute Youth Advisory Board. They attended the Mental Health Luncheon in Frankfort and delivered Owen County High School Youth Advisory Board Mental Health Awareness Month materials to the school They collaborated with other members of Kentucky Prevention Network Fall Conference Committee and attended several community meetings. Christi Jefferds also chaired NKY Regional Youth Summit Planning Committee.

School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) and Trauma Informed Services in Schools (TISS):

The SBMH and TISS grants combined to create the Northern Kentucky Institute for Empowerment. The NKIE work this month has been focused on creating systems and processes for the implementation of both grants. Most of the recent work included preparations for the first SBMH Steering Committee meeting, attending mental health community partner meetings, participation in federal grant monitoring

meetings, analysis of possible applicants for the remaining open positions, and completion of the implementation plan for TISS.

Deeper Learning:

The Deeper Learning team worked on data collection for Phase II of the grant. The planning continued for the 2024 Deeper Learning Summit to include connecting with speakers, media promotions, logistical details, and launching of the DL app.

CRRSA:

The CRRSA team served 9 districts, reaching over 271 educators. Professional learning opportunities were centered on individualized work around Trauma Informed Practices, Adult Compassion Resiliency, Tier I Behavior, and Key Instructional Strategies in Social Studies Inquiry. The CRRSA teams continue to work across the state with task groups on an online catalog which will launch later this summer. The Learning Acceleration Specialist (LAS) team also collaborated with other NKCES teams to design an ongoing, tiered PL opportunity around High Quality Instructional Resources (HQIR).

Grant Consortium Update:

District Grants News: Stacie Strotman described several new funding streams accessed by Covington Partners and said that some of the funding can be used to support other school districts that are interested in developing or expanding programs in Out-of-School Time; Family Engagement; or Mentoring. Covington Partners will be receiving \$500,000 each year for the next two years from the state of Kentucky to support their programs for those three topics; they are building partnerships with Ludlow and Newport, and are interested in helping other River City Schools now, with an eye toward potential further expansion for the future. She also is waiting to hear about a potential \$250,000 from the Opioid Abatement Funds. All this work will fit nicely with their current Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse grant.

Grants Awarded:

- Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Fund Mini-Grant: Awards to Campbell County (3); Fleming County (1); and Greenup County (4)
- Preschool Quality Partnership: Award to Greenup County (1)
- McKinney Vento: Covington, Campbell County, Dayon (with Southgate and Bellevue) and Newport

Grants available

- [Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse](#)

\$650,000 over 3 years, due May 23/June 6. Stacie Strotman noted they have this grant and are partnering with Esperanza and Kentucky Refugee Ministry for the priority partner. Covington Partners is potentially willing to support other districts in development or support of mentoring programs with these funds.

- [School Violence Prevention](#)

\$500,000 over 3 years, due June 11/June 17. 25% match required. To provide school safety staff training and safety equipment.

- [STOP School Violence](#)

\$1,000,000 over 3 years, due June 12/June 20. To support threat assessment/intervention teams; to

identify risks of violence; to support school based behavioral health; to support SEL programs, particularly those from crimesolutions.gov; to train SROs (not pay them); to hire personnel (other than SROs or other names for SROs) in support of violence prevention

- [Enhancing School Capacity To Address Youth Violence](#)

\$1,000,000 over 3 years, due June 10/June 24. Focuses on school climate, community partnerships, family engagement, and communication between home and school.

- [Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence](#)

\$850,000 over 3 years, due June 24/July 8. To build a collaborative approach to address the needs of children exposed to violence.

- [EIR Early Phase 2024](#)

\$6,000,000 over 5 years. 25% match required, due July 22. Michelle Klein, Amy Gilkison, and Emily Giles are working on a plan to research a comprehensive approach to mentoring new teachers. More info to come.

- [Math Achievement Fund Coaching Cohort 2](#)

\$62,500/year X 2 years, renewable for an additional 2 years. 100% match required, due June 4.

Collaborative Grants Pending

- Strategic Prevention Framework-Partners for Success: Two grants, NKCES for Homeless Coordinators and Covington/Erlanger
- Transition for Youth with Autism and/or Epilepsy: NKCES
- School Based Mental Health [Overview of SBMH draft plan](#)

District Grants Pending

- Opioid Abatement Funds: Covington Partners

Multi-District Grants in Implementation

- NK Institute for Strategic Prevention
- NK Institute for Arts Education: <https://bit.ly/NKCESVPA>. This info tells about the Visual and Performing Arts workshop to be held July 22. All VPA teachers are invited to attend, even if they are not in the current cohort.
- Project Prevent
- Positive Action
- Trauma Informed School Services and School Based Mental Health Services

Grant Tips and News

- [Supplanting Guide Sheet \(ojp.gov\)](#) This sheet can clarify questions you might have about supplanting/supplementing.
- Next year's schedule. [2024-25 Meeting Scheduling](#) Survey
- District trainings: Vicki is available to provide training to staff who might be interested in writing grants next year. Training will be tailored to your staff needs.

Regional School Programs (RSP) Update:

- We held our field day festivities on 5/20/24.
- RSP held our 9th annual awards and promotion ceremony with 8 high school graduates on 5/22/24. We also celebrated many other Scorpion Accomplishments.
- Our last day of school with students was 5/23/24.