

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee meeting on December 3, 2025. The committee met in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Due to Chair Holly Bloodworth's absence, Lu Young facilitated the meeting. Vice Chair Young welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. E.T.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Lee Todd, Lu Young, and Harper Blake. Holly Bloodworth was absent.

III. Review Items

A. Kentucky United We Learn Council Information Sharing

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and KDE Strategic Plan Manager Susan Strange presented the update. Dodd shared about the accomplishments of the Kentucky United We Learn Council over the past year. She said that new council members were sought to replace members who rolled off. Dodd also shared graphs demonstrating the diversity of the new council membership and a new graphic that was developed to illustrate how the current and upcoming work of the council intertwine. The graphic included a new focus area on high school transformation.

B. AdvanceKY Annual Update

AdvanceKY Executive Director Aaron Timmons and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli presented the update. Timmons shared background regarding the AdvanceKY initiative. He said that, with the addition of the Access to Algebra program in 2016, the program acts as an academy to help address math performance in middle schools across Kentucky with a renewed focus on expanding access to high school algebra for students in grade 8. Due to resources received from the Kentucky Numeracy Counts Act (HB 162 (2024)), AdvanceKY has increased the number of schools served and expanded professional development opportunities to more schools across Kentucky, including a

new mentoring program to support teachers who are either new to the profession or new to teaching math. Timmons shared that AdvanceKY has received contributions through federal, state or foundation funds since 2008. The 2024-2026 state budget allocated \$1.9 million in general funds each year. Additionally, AdvanceKY has received an additional \$1 million per fiscal year from the Numeracy Counts Fund (codified under KRS 158.843).

IV. Adjournment

Vice Chair Young requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M. E.T.