

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)
STAFF NOTE: REVIEW ITEM**

Topic: Milken Educator Award

Date: April 9

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

Elly Gilbert will introduce and provide a brief history of the Milken Award. Kentucky joined the Milken Educator Awards program in 1993. Since then, there have been 64 recipients in KY. Sydney Newton is the newest recipient, receiving the \$25,000 honor from the Milken Family Foundation at a surprise assembly at her school in December.

Commissioner of Education Dr. Fletcher will provide remarks and present Sydney Newton, a high school English teacher at Taylor County High School, with the obelisk from the Milken Foundation.

Sydney Newton will provide remarks about receiving this award and why she has pursued a career in education.

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GOALS/PRIORITIES: Indicate all applicable options.

- Foster Educational Innovation Through Vibrant Learning Experiences
- Advance Educational Excellence Through Continuous Professional Improvement
- Cultivate Collaborative Partnerships
- Legislation
- Commissioner's Management