

The Commonwealth Commitment

College and Career Ready

**Resolution Supporting the Role of Elementary and Secondary Education
in Improving College and Career Readiness
by
Kentucky's Superintendents and Boards of Education**

WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a strong economy, and a sustained commitment to educational opportunity and student success can bring about fundamental improvement in the quality of life of all Kentucky citizens; and

WHEREAS, too many students graduate from high school underprepared for college-level work and careers; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1, passed in the regular session of the 2009 General Assembly, led to the implementation of several key education initiatives to impact college and career readiness and college completion; and

WHEREAS, included in the legislation was a mandate for Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary education leaders to align core academic standards and to develop a Unified Strategy for College and Career Readiness, a comprehensive plan to improve the success of students with readiness needs; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary education leaders have agreed to focus their joint efforts on four key strategies to deliver the greatest impact on readiness, including acceleration, interventions, advising, and postsecondary persistence; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's P-12 education system has a clear and significant responsibility to work closely with the postsecondary system to ensure that Kentucky's students benefit from high-quality teachers; engaged and progressive school leaders; and new college readiness strategies; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's P-12 education system is responsible for implementing higher academic standards; accelerated learning opportunities in secondary schools; college and career advising; secondary interventions for students not ready for college and career; and supports for students to encourage persistence to graduation; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary education systems must work together to help students and families understand that postsecondary education is an attainable and financially viable goal and that the future economic well-being of students is tied to education beyond high school.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kentucky's State Board of Education, Department of Education, local school superintendents and local boards of education pledge to continue and expand efforts to build stronger linkages between Kentucky's P-12 schools and postsecondary education; improve student transitions from high school to college; provide opportunities for career exploration; support an ongoing model of collaboration; and lead the P-12 system in the successful implementation of Kentucky's Unified Strategy for College and Career Readiness.

THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Nelson County Public Schools

The undersigned, on behalf of the Nelson County Public Schools, pledge to increase the rate of college and career readiness of the graduates in our school district from 30% in 2010 to 65% in 2015. To meet this goal, 228 students in the 2010-11 eighth grade class will need to be college and career ready, 112 more students than were college and career ready in the graduating class of 2010.

This the 15th day of March, 2011.

Superintendent

Board Chair

Note:

The College and Career Readiness percentage rate is based on the individual goal for each district to increase its 2010 rate by 50% in 2015 (100% less 2010 rate; divided by 2; added to 2010 rate). The College and Career Readiness rate was published in September 2010 and is available on the KDE website. Each district has a unique goal.