



August 2026 Board Report - Superintendent

General

- Our back to school dates served as a great transition point for teachers to be able to prepare their classrooms and welcome our students back on the first day of school.
 - Dr. Miller from the University of Kentucky gave a tremendous presentation on burnout and self-care.
 - Edgenuity provided a thorough training for district leaders on successful implementation of this new learning platform.
 - Teachers spoke enthusiastically about the Sibme AI program that will be available for all teachers to utilize this year.
- I attended the Annual Leadership Institute through the Kentucky Association of School Administrators on July 29-31st. The highlight for me was being able to celebrate the graduation of Cohort 14, while also welcoming in and providing advice to new superintendents in Cohort 15.
- Our back to school bash on August 7th was an outstanding success with a great turnout.
- Our key transition events with 6th grade camp, Kindergarten camp, and Freshman orientation were great opportunities for us to begin the year on the right foot.
- We are excited about utilizing Futuriti for ILP management and advising students on post-secondary preparedness.
- I attended the SESC board of directors meeting on August 13th.
- SESC provided a full 8-hour training for our district and community leadership team to continue the work in re-establishing our PBIS/MTSS framework.

Volunteer Recognition

- Lieutenant Brent Billings and the Berea Fire Department for volunteering their time to rinse the sidewalks and bus loop.
- Twisted Willow Barbers provided 109 free haircuts to children all throughout Madison county as part of a back to school event. We appreciate their willingness to serve the community in this manner.

Grants

- Federal Grant applications for Title I, Title II, and Title IV to be submitted July 31, 2026. No approval received as of this report.
- Perkins (Federal CTE Grant) has been approved for 2027.
- The CTE Supplemental State Grant award for 2027 is \$78,947.

Continuous Improvement Plans

- The MTSS guidance document draft is complete and is being finalized for publication on August 31, 2026. Supporting resources include a school-based spreadsheet for tracking tier-level movement and a goal-tracking dashboard for monitoring CDIP and MTSS goals, both scheduled for release in August 2026.

Testing

- House Bill 257 revises Kentucky's accountability system to emphasize individual student growth, reduces state testing by removing *on-demand writing and editing and mechanics assessments*, and replaces the school climate and safety indicator with *chronic absenteeism*.
- Principals and Teachers will be updated during opening week prior to August 13.

Career and Technical Education

- Computer Science Program (WeLead CS):
- All preparatory scheduling work is complete, and the district is finalizing student enrollment as part of the high school's 2026–2027 master schedule. Based on the current status, all applicable discounts will be received.

Professional Development (2026-2027 School Year)

- The 2026-2027 PD plan is currently under development. Complete by July 31, 2026.

Certified Evaluation Plan (CEP)

- Approved by BOE on July 27, 2026. Annual district training completed 08/10/26.

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- State/KDE required *District Writing policy* to be submitted for BOE approval during the July 27th BOE meeting (COMPLETE). Second reading and approval during August 2026 BOE meeting.
- Sibme Certified Evaluation Platform Transition: Staff have been rostered in the platform and received login credentials from Sibme Support. Initial training was provided on August 7, with six teachers and four administrators participating. Trained teachers will assist their colleagues during implementation, and additional follow-up training sessions will be provided.
- Edgenuity purchase approved by BOE on July 27, 2026 meeting. Training on the platform will be virtual on August 11, 2026.

Follow up to Board Member question regarding Edgenuity during July 27, 2026 meeting:

1. Does test preparation include ACT? Test prep includes SAT, ACT, ASVAB, and ACCUPLACER with unlimited licenses.
2. Are there Arts courses available? Edgenuity offers electives (Art Appreciation, Art History, Introduction to Art, and Visual Arts). There are many other offerings at an additional subscription cost.