

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 10 A.M. ET

VIRTUAL MEETING

Purpose: The School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) is designed to provide the commissioner of education direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools. Bridging the gap between policy and practice, the SCAC advises the commissioner on educational priorities that meet the needs of the whole child, ensuring the provision to our community of a transition-ready workforce.

AGENDA

I. Welcome

Michelle Sircy, Ed.D., Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

II. Roll Call of Member

Caryn Scheiding, School Counseling Advisory Council Chairperson
Members in Attendance: Sarah Akin, Kaet Barron, Camielle DiStefano, Carl Schonesigel, Chelsey Craine, Fatemia Fuson, Garrick Lee Ratliff, Terri Hall, Jalina Wheeler, John Hargis, Kelly Fox, Kayla McKinney, Heather Moore, Paula Moore, Rachel Caswell, Elizabeth Barnett, Suzanne Gibbs, Travis Kern, Jessica Longland, Manijeh Reynolds, Mindy Rose, Santina Plotter, Damien Sweeney, Ed.D., Chloe Wilcher, Kristyn Williamson, Cordia Pickerell

III. Inclusion Activity

Michelle Sircy, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling Kentucky Department of Education

The advisory council members shared how they are celebrating national school counseling week.

IV. Legislative Process

Sarah Peace, Kentucky Department of Education

Peace shared the legislative process in Kentucky.

V. Kentucky Department of Education Updates

Michelle Sircy, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

Sircy shared information about the new early graduation requirements including a capstone project. She said that rubrics and examples will be available on the website. Sircy discussed the use of time survey and gave an opportunity for advisory council members to ask questions or share concerns about the use of time survey.

Sweeney gave updates on the Equity Playbook initiative and shared a slide deck of data for schools that have participated. There was discussion on how beneficial this initiative has been for participating schools and students.

Sarah Akin from West Kentucky Educational Cooperative shared an update on the “Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Implementation Guide” being developed by the SEL specialist from the educational cooperatives. Akin said that guide is in the final stages and should be ready to release this spring. Trainings will be offered by the educational cooperatives on how to use this guide.

VI. Questions and Additional Feedback

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting: May 30, 10-11:30 a.m. ET