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## SUMMIT ON COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION SET

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – A Statewide Summit on Competency-Based Education is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, at Elkhorn Crossing School in Georgetown.

The summit is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education and the National Governors Association. The event begins with registration at 8 a.m. ET; sessions start at 9 a.m. ET, and adjournment is at 4 p.m. ET.

Representatives from groups such as the Kentucky School Boards Association, Kentucky Education Association and the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, along with business and community members, were invited to the summit, which is funded through a grant from the National Governors Association.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is exploring competency-based education as a way to better prepare students for success in college and careers. This innovative approach focuses on achievement as the constant, with time as a variable. Not all students learn at the same rate or in the same way, so flexible models that adjust to the needs of students can help more students succeed.

Featured speakers and panelists at the summit include:

- Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson
- State Senator Jimmy Higdon
- Rose Colby, author of *Off the Clock*
- Paul Leather, New Hampshire deputy commissioner of education
- Tom Shelton, superintendent of the Fayette County school district
- Lu Young, superintendent of the Jessamine County school district
- Jay K. Box, chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System
- Robert L. King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
- Elizabeth Grant, chief of staff in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education
- Michael Cohen, president of Achieve

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Competency-based education is a method that focuses on mastering specific skills or standards rather than completing course work over a specific period of time. It offers opportunities for all students and is student-centered. This type of education features personalized learning, which takes different learning styles into account by providing different avenues to learn the same content.

Competency-based education can motivate passive students who do not learn well in traditional classrooms because they do not see the curriculum as relevant to their needs. Students can earn college credit while still in high school, and they learn how to learn, a skill they need throughout life.

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