

Presenters



Dennis Dio Parker

Moderator: "CTE and Competency-based Credit"

Dennis Dio Parker is Assistant Manager at the Toyota North American Production Support Center in Georgetown, Kentucky, the education and training arm for Toyota's manufacturing operations in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. He has 32 years experience in education including 25 in the auto industry. His accomplishments include helping to lead Toyota training to be one of only two business organizations in the U.S. to gain accreditation for its educational programs; establishing in partnership with Bluegrass Community & Technical College a special "manufacturing magnet" campus with a new learning environment in Georgetown; leading implementation of the intensive Advanced Manufacturing Technician associate degree program which is currently in use or being implemented at three colleges; and starting Toyota's "Reach for the Stars" program, involving six universities and 12 degree programs. He serves on the state steering committee for Career & Technical Education, on the national advisory council for U.S. mathematics standards for K-12 education, on the industrial teacher education advisory panel at Eastern Kentucky University, and on the Kentucky Executive Council for Project Lead the Way.



Tom Rutan

Panelist: "Creating a Competency-based System"

Tom Rutan is an Associate Director in the Office of Curriculum and Assessment at the Ohio Department of Education. He has responsibility for the curriculum and instruction side of the office. He serves as the point person for Financial Literacy and Credit Flexibility for the agency. Tom also is State Commissioner for the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children where he advocates for the children of military personnel when they are deployed to action.

Before coming to the Ohio Department of Education in January of 2006, Tom was President of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio for six years following a three year stint as Executive Director of the Ohio Business Week Foundation. He retired as principal of Grove City High School in 1996 after thirteen years during which time he was selected as Ohio's Principal of the Year (1991) and elected as President of the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Board of Control (1992). He currently represents the Ohio Department of Education on the OHSAA Board of Directors.

Tom is a former social studies teacher and athletic coach at Upper Arlington and Worthington High Schools,



Tom Shelton

Superintendent, Fayette County Public Schools

Panelist: "Tough Issues"

Tom Shelton, Kentucky's 2011 Superintendent of the Year, became head of Fayette County Public Schools on Sept. 1, 2011. Tom previously served as superintendent of Daviess County schools in Owensboro. Tom is a certified public accountant and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's degree in business administration and a Rank I in educational administration from Murray State University. He completed his Ph.D. degree in educational leadership from the University of Louisville and a graduate certificate program in executive educational leadership from Harvard University.

Tom serves as the chairman of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System's Board of Trustees, a member of the Superintendents' Advisory Council for the Commissioner of Education and president of the Council for Better Education. He also serves as a member of the Unbridled Learning Guiding Coalition, and represents Kentucky as a member of the Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators.



Tom West

Panelist: "CTE and Competency-based Systems"

Tom West is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board (KWIB), a 42-member council that advises the Governor on issues related to workforce training investments and improvements to the system. Prior to joining the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Tom spent over 10 years as a community planning consultant serving communities of all sizes in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. He is responsible for numerous waterfront, downtown and comprehensive plans which helped communities grow and flourish by linking economic development and land use. As Executive Director of the KWIB, he applies those same philosophies of linkage between economic development, education and workforce training. Tom is a graduate of Danville High School. He has a Bachelor's degree in Communications and a Master's degree in Community Planning and Economic Development.



Dr. Dale Winkler

Panelist: "CTE and Competency-based Credit"

Before being named the Executive Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education in June 2011, Dr. Dale Winkler earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting (1994), Certification in Business Education (1996), and Master of Arts in Education (1999) from Cumberland College. In 2002, he completed a Rank I in Educational Leadership and Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. In May 2010, Winkler graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership Studies.

Dr. Winkler is a product of career and technical education. He started as a high school student in the business and office program at KY-Tech Madison County. He was involved in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and eventually became the Phi Beta Lambda State President while attending college. Over the course of his career, Dr. Winkler gained valuable experiences by serving as a classroom teacher in a local high school and area technology center, state academic consultant for business and marketing education, and KY Tech principal.



Lu Settles Young

Moderator: "Creating a Competency-based System"

Lu Settles Young is in her 30th year with Jessamine County Schools, a suburban Kentucky district with approximately 7,900 students. Mrs. Young has been superintendent since 2004 and is Kentucky's 2012 Superintendent of the Year. She is pursuing her doctorate at Northern Kentucky University.

In addition to her work at the district-level, Mrs. Young was appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to serve on the state Gifted Advisory Council. She also serves as Vice President of the KY Association of School Administrators (KASA), on the Interagency Advisory Council for the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC), the board of the Kentucky Council for Administrators of Special Education (KY CASE), the board of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS), and the Superintendents' Advisory Council (SAC) – an advisory group to the Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Young also serves on the Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).



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Morning Agenda

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** Registration
- 9:00 AM** Welcome:
Pat Trotter, KDE
Tabitha Grossman, NGA
- 9:10 AM** What is Competency-based Learning?
Rose Colby
- 9:30 AM** Assessing Learning in a Competency-based System?
Dr. Tom Guskey
- 9:50 AM – 10:05 AM** Roundtable discussion #1
- 10:05 AM** Creating a Competency-based Credit System
Lu Young, Moderator
Paul Leather
Tom Rutan
Rose Colby
- 10:40 AM** Roundtable discussion #2
- 11:00 AM** The Tough Issues
Paul Leather, Moderator
Tom Shelton
Jean Crowley
Rose Colby
Jimmy Higdon
Elizabeth Grant
- NOON** Lunch

Afternoon Agenda

- 12:20 PM** Introduction of Luncheon Speaker
Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson
Luncheon speaker
Mike Cohen, Achieve
- 1:00 PM** Expanded Learning
 - + 21st CCLC - Barren County Schools (Strong partners with the National Parks and Science Programs)
 - + 21st CCLC - Washington County Schools (Working to develop competency based credit in Public Speaking)
 - + 21st CCLC - Paris Independent Schools (Organic garden developed by OST program and partnerships with science teachers in schools - highlighted by Kentucky Public Television)
 - + Center for Rural Development's Rogers Explorers and Rogers Scholars (Strong science/tech./math/leadership programs and connections with colleges and universities)
- 1:40 PM** Roundtable discussion #3
- 2:00 PM** Career and Technical Ed – How does it fit within a competency-based system?
Dennis Parker, Moderator
Dale Winkler
Tom West
Dianne Leveridge
Lori Collins
- 2:40 PM** The View of Competency-based Credit Systems from Higher-Ed
Dr. Jay Box
Bob King
- 3:00 PM** Student Presentations from Elkhorn Crossing Students in:
+ Media Arts + Pre-Engineering
+ Biomedical Sciences + Health Sciences
- 3:45 PM** Closing Remarks and Charge Going Forward
Observations by Elizabeth Grant from USDOE on the summit and how it fits with the USDOE vision of personalized learning.
Tabitha Grossman comments on NGA expectations going forward
- 4:00 PM** Adjournment – Pat Trotter

No formal breaks are scheduled during the day – please feel free to break during the discussion sessions.

Presenters



Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson

Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson is the longest-serving mayor in the city of Louisville's 232-year history, having won election to five terms, two of them over a merged city and county government.

Throughout 21 years as mayor, Abramson oversaw a dramatic transformation of Louisville. He helped maintain and enhance Louisville's economy during the nation's recent economic crisis by bringing the KFC Yum! Center to the city's waterfront and supporting the expansion of major employers such as UPS, Ford and GE. At the same, Abramson supported local small business and accelerated the community's downtown revitalization with the addition of 4th Street Live, the Frazier International History Museum and the Muhammad Ali Center.

Abramson was known for creating public/private partnerships to further policy goals, including one that brought together the business, government and civic sectors for the Greater Louisville Education Commitment, a widely successful effort to increase college graduation rates.

As lieutenant governor, Abramson brings the knowledge, enthusiastic ideas and local government experience he demonstrated in Louisville to serve the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Abramson received a B.S. in Business Economics from Indiana University and a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.



Jay K. Box, Ed.D. KCTCS Chancellor

Panelist: "Higher Education and Competency-based Credits"

Dr. Jay K. Box has been the Chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) since July 1, 2009. As Chancellor, he provides system-wide leadership for academic and student affairs as well as workforce training.

Since he became Chancellor, Dr. Box chaired the statewide committee that developed the Kentucky Transfer Action Plan. In 2011, Dr. Box led an initiative to evaluate and revise the System's dual credit program. Currently Dr. Box is serving as the state lead for the Accelerating Opportunity Kentucky initiative, a collaborative between KCTCS, Kentucky Adult Education, and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to provide contextualized basic skills and technical training with the expected outcome of students earning credentials that lead to high wage, high demand careers.

He earned an associate's degree from Howard College, a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University), a master's degree from Texas Tech University, and a doctorate degree from Baylor University.



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Michael Cohen President, Achieve

Keynote Speaker

A nationally-recognized leader in education policy and standards-based reform, Michael Cohen became President of Achieve in 2003. He has held several key roles in education during the past 20+ years, including Director of Education Policy at the National Governors Association (1985-90) and Director of Planning and Policy Development at the National Association of State Boards of Education (1983-1985). During the Clinton Administration he served as Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Special Assistant to President Clinton for Education Policy, and Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley.

Created in 1996 by the nation's governors and corporate leaders, Achieve is an independent, bipartisan, non-profit education reform organization based in Washington, DC that helps states raise academic standards and graduation requirements, improve assessments and strengthen accountability so all students graduate ready for college, work and citizenship. Under Mike's leadership, Achieve launched the American Diploma Project Network, formed the Partnership for the Assessment of College and Career Readiness (PARCC) – one of two multi-state consortia developing common assessments – and helped develop the Common Core State Standards.



Lori Collins

Panelist: "CTE and Competency-based Systems"

Lori Collins is the Director of the Division of Workforce and Employment Services in the Office of Employment and Training. Prior to joining the division, she has served as a local Workforce Investment Area Director and a Business Services Manager. She has extensive experience working with employers to access services through the Kentucky Career Centers. Ms. Collins has worked with many targeted populations to address barriers to employment. In addition to employment focused work, Ms. Collins has experience in organizing communities around alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, intervention and treatment efforts. Ms. Collins is a graduate of Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky.



Rose Colby

Presenter: "What is Competency-based Learning?"

Rose Colby is currently a Competency-Based Learning and Assessment Specialist assisting high schools throughout the state of New Hampshire in designing high quality competency, assessment, and grading reform systems. Ms. Colby is a motivational speaker and presenter in the areas of competency-based learning, digital learners, differentiation, and school leadership.

Since 2007, Ms. Colby has been a partner in the Nellie Mae Education Foundation funded project centered on student success through Extended Learning Opportunities in partnership with Q.E.D. Foundation, Plustime NH, and the NH Department of Education. She is currently part of the planning team for the N.H. Next Generation Learning Project.

Ms. Colby is currently Adjunct Professor in Educational Leadership at Plymouth State University. She is the co-author of "Off the Clock: Moving Education from Time to Competency".



Jean K. Crowley

Panelist: "Tough Issues"

Jean Crowley is the Kentucky School Boards Association Board Team Development Specialist providing opportunities for board/superintendent team members to learn and focus on the education and governance of Kentucky school board teams and the children they serve. For the past 5 years, she has developed and provided training for school board members at conferences and in school districts throughout the state.

Along with Jean's work at KSBA and serving as a school board chairperson, she serves as a member of the Workforce Development Committee of the Danville/Boyle County Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer for the Heart of Danville, and a volunteer at her church.



Elizabeth Grant U.S. Department of Education

Panelist: "Tough Issues" and Closing Remarks

Elizabeth Grant is chief of staff in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to this role, Elizabeth was a senior policy advisor working on ESEA flexibility, secondary school initiatives, and state technical assistance. Before joining the Department, she worked as Jobs for the Future's senior policy analyst for federal policy and national advocacy in Washington, DC. Elizabeth worked in schools for more than a dozen years, serving as an elementary school principal and junior high and high school teacher. Elizabeth is a graduate of the University of Utah and received a M.Ed. in teaching from Harvard University. She earned her M.A. in sociology and Ph.D. in education policy from Stanford University.



Thomas Guskey

Presenter: "How Do We Assess Learning in a Competency-based System?"

Thomas Guskey, is a graduate of the University of Chicago's renowned Measurement, Evaluation, and Statistical Analysis (MESA) Program. Prior to his appointment at the University of Kentucky he served as Director of Research and Development for the Chicago Public Schools, and later became the first Director of the Center for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning, a national educational research center. Dr. Guskey is on the Editorial Board of The Elementary School Journal, The NASSP Bulletin, Journal of Research on Professional Learning, and Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice.

He co-edits the Experts in Assessment Series for Corwin Press and has been featured on the National Public Radio programs, "Morning Edition" and "Talk of the Nation." Dr. Guskey holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from Boston College, and a B.A. in Physics from Thiel College.



Senator Jimmy Higdson

Panelist: "Tough Issues"

Senator Jimmy Higdson (R) represents the 14th Senate district and was first elected in 2002. He serves as a member of the Senate Education Committee. Senator Higdson is a member of the Marion County Economic Development Board; the Kentucky Grocers Association Board; Lebanon-Marion County Industrial Foundation Board; and, the Mid-South Retail Group.



Robert L. King President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Panelist: "Higher Education and Competency-based Credit"

Robert L. King became the third president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education in January 2009. Mr. King is the former Chancellor of the State University of New York, one of the largest comprehensive systems of universities, colleges, and community colleges in the world. More recently, he served as president and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation, a statewide charitable foundation with a strong focus on education, economic development, and scientific research.

Mr. King received a bachelor of arts degree in 1968 from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a Juris Doctor in 1971 from the Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Paul K. Leather

Panelist: "Creating a Competency-based System"

Moderator: "Tough Issues"

Paul Leather was sworn in as New Hampshire Deputy Commissioner of Education on April 14, 2010. Mr. Leather's background and experience in education, counseling, and administration in New Hampshire spans three decades. He is also serving as Director of the Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning for the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) and oversees the administration of Vocational Rehabilitation, Adult Education, Career and Technical Education, Tech-Prep, School Guidance and Counseling, apprenticeship programs, and career development efforts, including Workforce Investment Act coordination for the NHDOE. In addition, Mr. Leather is past president of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) and oversees statewide initiatives such as High School Redesign, Extended Learning Opportunities, and Drop Out Prevention.



M.Dianne Leveridge

Panelist: "CTE and Competency-based Systems"

Retired from Lexmark, Dianne serves as the Director of Project Lead The Way at the University of Kentucky College of Engineering. In addition to this service, she is a PhD Candidate in Engineering at the University of Maryland Clark School of Engineering. Prior to joining UK in late 2008, Dianne worked 20 years in private industry as an electrical engineer at IBM/Lexmark in Lexington. Her engineering work experiences include writing code for laser and inkjet printers; developing unique solutions for specific printing requirements; project management and product delivery; managing the manufacturing facility in Mexico and moving manufacturing from Mexico to China; and business process development and governance.