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EFFECTIVE TEACHING CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

(Frankfort, KY) – This week hundreds of Kentucky educators will gather in Louisville for a conference for, by and about teachers called Let's TALK: Conversations about Effective Teaching. The conference opens Wednesday at 1 p.m. and runs until Friday at 1 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville.

During the conference, Teacher Advocates Leading Kentucky (TALK) will:

- gain practical strategies for implementing the Kentucky Core Academic Standards in their classrooms
- learn how they can improve teaching and learning through the new Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES)
- bring the teacher voice to education initiatives
- elevate the profession of teaching through multiple sharing and professional learning opportunities

Among the keynote speakers at the Let's TALK Conference is Kentucky native Vicki Phillips, Director of Education, College Ready, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Phillips oversees work to ensure U.S. high school students graduate ready to succeed, and to improve college access. In Kentucky, she worked as a state-level policymaker and helped implement the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990. She also has been a middle and high school teacher, secretary of education and chief state school officer in Pennsylvania and superintendent of the Portland Public Schools.

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Other keynote speakers include Maddie Fennell, 2007 Nebraska Teacher of the Year and chair of the National Education Association Commission on Effective Teaching and Teachers and Heidi Hayes Jacobs, executive director of the Curriculum Mapping Institute and President of Curriculum Designers, Inc.

In addition, more than two dozen breakout sessions are scheduled, most led by Kentucky teachers.

Teachers may still register for the conference at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e75dp2q719dbf623&oseq=&c=&ch=>. The conference fee is \$50.

The Let's TALK: Conversations about Effective Teaching Conference is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Education Association and the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence with funding by the Gates Foundation through the Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky.

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