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STATE EDUCATION LEADERS TO DISCUSS KENTUCKY RISING INITIATIVE

(Frankfort, Ky.) – Representatives from the Kentucky Board of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board along with each agency leader will come together in a special meeting on Wednesday, January 14 to discuss a new joint initiative called Kentucky Rising. The meeting will be held from 1-4 p.m. ET in the State Board Room on the first floor of the Capital Plaza Tower in Frankfort.

Kentucky Rising would establish criteria for a high school diploma, certificate or endorsement that certifies a graduate meets the employment requirements of foreign industries that are directly investing in the state and industries that are creating trade with other countries. By ensuring Kentucky's workforce is an asset for global economic development, Kentucky can continue to create jobs for residents and grow the state's economy.

As part of the meeting, a draft resolution to develop and implement a unified strategic plan for Kentucky Rising will be presented for consideration by each agency's respective board at an upcoming meeting of that board. *(Text of the resolution may be found at the end of this release.)*

The full agenda for the meeting follows.

**Kentucky Rising Overview Meeting
State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky**

**January 14, 2015
1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET**

Agenda

- I. Welcome and opening remarks
- II. Overview of *Kentucky Rising*
- III. Details of initiative from agency heads
- V. Question and answer period
- VI. Next steps for the work and process going forward
- VII. Draft resolution for consideration by each agency's respective board
- VIII. Adjournment

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**RESOLUTION ON KENTUCKY RISING SUPPORTED BY THE
KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION, COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND
EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board have successfully planned and implemented a unified college- and career-readiness plan that has resulted in improvement of the college- and career- readiness rate of high school graduates from 34 percent to 62 percent; and

Whereas, The challenge of education is to prepare students for the world into which they are graduating, whether it be to enter and succeed in college, the workforce or the military, as well as to participate actively in civic life; and

Whereas, Citizenship is not just about making informed choices in local, state and national elections, but in having the knowledge, understanding, tools, and propensity to effectively engage in global commerce, issues and interests; and

Whereas, A strong, integrated system of education enhances not only individual opportunity, but the economic viability of local communities and the quality of life of their residents; and

Whereas, Fully 21 percent of jobs in the state are tied to international trade. Kentucky exports have reached \$25.3 billion and now travel to 198 countries. Exports make up 13 percent of the state’s gross domestic product (GDP), and in 2013, Kentucky had the second highest growth in exports nationally; and

Whereas, 410 foreign-owned companies are operating and investing in Kentucky and Kentucky markets are diversifying to include not only automobiles and the legacy industry of bourbon distilling, but also hair and skin care companies, foods, and pharmaceuticals.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (insert name of board) shares a common goal to establish Kentucky as a world leader in the high, value-added international trade of goods and services with broadly shared prosperity for its residents, and it commits to the development and implementation of a unified strategic plan titled Kentucky Rising, the purpose of which is to create a Kentucky workforce that will be globally aware and globally competent, and considered among the world’s best trained and best educated.

*Done in the city of Frankfort, this _____ day of
_____, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen*

_____, Chair

_____, (insert title of agency head)

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