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### **EDUCATORS REWARDED IN WEEK THREE OF TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY**

(Frankfort, KY) – Kentucky educators have tied their own national record for participation in the Teaching Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Survey. To date, more than 40,000 or about 80 percent of school-based certified personnel in the state have completed the survey of school teaching and learning conditions.

Today some of those educators were rewarded for taking part.

Russell Primary (Russell Independent) will receive a \$1,000 prize for the school's use. North Elementary (Calloway County) will draw the name of one of its educators to receive \$1,000 to use as he or she wishes.

The week three winners were chosen in a random drawing by Donna Brockman from the Kentucky School Boards Association and Shirley LaFavers with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

Only schools with at least a 50 percent response rate were entered into the drawing – 1247 qualified this week. The educator prize was chosen from the 470 schools with 100 percent participation.

The Kentucky Education Association, Kentucky Association of School Administrators, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents and the Kentucky School Boards Association contributed prize money for weekly drawings throughout the survey in order to encourage participation.

Winners from the first two weeks of the survey are:

- **Week 1 School:** Frankfort High School (Frankfort Independent)
- **Week 1 Educator:** Sabrina Turner, Breathitt Co. Day Treatment Center
- **Week 2 School:** Ludlow High School
- **Week 2 Educator:** Ryan Davis, Union County Learning Academy

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The TELL Kentucky Survey is designed to gather a variety of information from teachers, counselors, principals and other administrators who know best the working conditions in our schools. The survey includes questions on the adequacy of facilities and resources; time; empowerment; school leadership; community support; student conduct; professional development; mentoring and induction services; and student learning. The web-based survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential.

Only those schools with at least a 50 percent participation rate will receive school-level data from the survey. School and district completion rates are posted in real time on the TELL Kentucky website at [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

Educators, stakeholders and policymakers will use the survey results to make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student achievement and increase teacher retention.

The survey is open through Friday.

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