



## Dates and locations for set for 2015 Regional Coordinator Trainings

The annual KDE Regional SBDM Coordinator Training dates and locations have been set, see chart below. There will be two training sessions this year, a morning session from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lexington, KY	Tuesday, March 3	Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC Lexington)
Shelbyville, KY	Thursday, March 5	Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC)
Eddyville, KY	Tuesday, March 10	West Kentucky Educational Cooperative (WKEC)
Bowling Green, KY	Wednesday, March 11	Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC)
Corbin, KY	Monday, March 16	Southeast South Central Education Cooperative (SESC) *Corbin Center
Cold Springs, KY	Wednesday, March 18	Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services (NKCES)
Ashland, KY	Thursday, March 19	Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC Ashland)

- The morning session will give new SBDM coordinators, those with less than three years of coordinator experience, an introduction into SBDM, background on SBDM law, election procedures guidance, and the role of the SBDM council and coordinator, as well as other SBDM guidance and information. This training session will also be open to any experienced coordinator who would like to attend as a refresher course.
- The afternoon session is intended for all SBDM Coordinators and KDE SBDM Partners. This session will be a hands-on approach to policy work; it will include updated General Assembly information for 2015, KDE SBDM Training Module information and guidance, and will serve as a networking opportunity for council coordinators to share what is working within their SBDM councils. This session will also provide KDE SBDM

Trainer Endorsement for the 2015 training year. This year's afternoon session will be structured a little differently so coordinators should come prepared to play an active role in the training.

- Due to space at training locations, it is requested that attendance be limited to the district SBDM Coordinator or designee.

All training registrations will be on a first-come basis so it's recommended that District Coordinators register early. When registering, an email should be sent to [kdesbdrmproject@education.ky.gov](mailto:kdesbdrmproject@education.ky.gov) with the attendee's name, whether full day or only afternoon session is being requested, and the preferred location. A confirmation will be sent upon the completion of registration. No phone registrations will be accepted. Any questions regarding trainings or locations should be directed to the email listed above or to a KDE SBDM consultant.



## Staffing allocation dates and reminders

Tentative staffing allocations should be sent to school councils by March 1 with a final allocation date of May 1. If a district plans to revise its staffing formula for the 2015-16 school year, it will need to send its updated staffing allocation worksheet to KDE for approval. These updates can be sent to [sharma.aitken@education.ky.gov](mailto:sharma.aitken@education.ky.gov). A sample staffing allocation worksheet can be found [here](#). Please allow time for KDE to review before May 1.

## KDE SBDM Guidance for inclement weather related to council meetings

With the unpredictability of the weather, some schools may experience canceled or delayed council meetings. Here are a couple of notes that might answer some questions if you run into weather issues on scheduled meeting days:

- Should it be necessary to cancel a school council meeting due to weather, the appropriate news media must be contacted with this information.
- If the meeting is rescheduled outside the regular meeting time, the meeting must be considered a special-called meeting and follow those guidelines for notification and agenda.
- If not rescheduling, the agenda items may be included as part of the next meeting's agenda.

## Student free speech and religious liberty rights information offered

In accordance with KRS 158.186, listed below are links to the Kentucky Revised Statutes related to Free Speech and Religious Liberty Rights of Students.

- [KRS 158.181](#)
- [KRS 158.182](#)
- [KRS 158.183](#)
- [KRS 158.184](#)
- [KRS 158.185](#)
- [KRS 158.186](#)
- [KRS 158.187](#)

Further guidance can be found by following this [link](#) to the Kentucky Legislature KRS Search.

## Tips for boosting parent/community involvement

Parent and community involvement is imperative to the success of students and schools. With the new calendar year and the end of the holiday season, now is a good time for schools to look at ways to improve their parent and community involvement. In an effort to assist districts with this, below is a list of links that contain ideas, resources, and tips.

[The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle: Recommendations for Involving Families and Community in Improving Student Achievement](#)

[Partners in Education A Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships](#)

Family and Community Engagement guidance and resources provided by the U.S. Department of Education can be located [here](#).

Further guidance can be found in the KDE SBDM Family and Community Engagement (FCE) training module located on the KDE SBDM webpage or by following this [link](#). Included in this training module are a Family Friendly Checklist and a Sample Parent Involvement Policy.

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