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News



District 180-Related Information

Kentucky's lowest-performing schools making gains, including six rated distinguished - http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2014/02/kentuckys-lowest-performing-schools-making-gains/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29

Kentucky Board of Education told that PGES will replace hodge-podge of local teacher, principal evaluation measures with "meaningful feedback, tools to improve techniques" - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6G0UA00&dasi=3UBI>

An interesting example of a Web page that a school district has developed to provide PGES resources - <http://barrencountyschoolselementary.weebly.com/ciits-resources-and-pges.html>

Ford program partners with JCPS high schools, including all of the priority high schools, to develop students' job skills - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUPP2Y&dasi=3UBI>

KDE has developed Digital Guidelines to assist schools and districts in ensuring quality, rigor, and impact on student achievement - <http://education.ky.gov/school/diglrn/Documents/KY%20Digital%20Guidelines%20v4.0.pdf>

A website to check out for many useful resources on a variety of topics related to school turnaround - <http://schoolturnaroundsupport.org/home>

The School Turnaround Learning Community (STLC) is a key element in the U.S. Department of Education's effort to provide support to state, district, and school leaders working to turn around the nation's lowest-achieving schools. The site offers a wide range of resources and tools enabling users to share school turnaround practices and lessons learned to strengthen teaching and learning for all schools. The STLC is also designed to facilitate networking to support schools more effectively.

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Priority Schools in the News

JCPS principal Houston Barber rises to meet challenges at The Academy @ Shawnee; envisions the school becoming "one of the best in Kentucky" - <http://www.wdrb.com/story/24798261/jcps-principal-rises-to-meet-challenges-at-low-performing-school>

"Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology" gearing up for Christian County High School students; new classes available in engineering and health sciences - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUGBGY&dasi=3UBI>

Dayton High School Counselor Jennifer Glass is NKY Counselor of the Year - <http://rcnky.com/articles/2014/02/24/daytons-glass-nky-counselor-year>

Community college gives Ashland-region sophomores, including those from East Carter County, Greenup County, and Lawrence County High Schools a foundation in science education at STEM career fair - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUA2A2&dasi=3UBI>

Fairdale High School wrestler inspires teammates, makes national headlines - <http://www.wlky.com/news/high-school-playbook/Fairdale-wrestler-inspires-teammates-makes-national-headlines/24701240>

Educators from around the state see how Franklin-Simpson High School rose from "in crisis" to among the elite as part of KDE Kentucky Hub School seminars - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUY2P0&dasi=3UBI>

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Best Practices website now even better

Are you baffled about what you can do to improve student learning, achievement, or district operations? The Kentucky Department of Education's [Best Practices website](#) may hold the answer. It is designed as a clearinghouse for best and promising practices that motivate, engage, and provide measurable results in student learning, achievement, and school/district processes – any aspect of a school system that can impact student outcomes through improved instruction or operations.

A recent redesign has resulted in a Best Practices website that is easier to use and navigate. A more thorough search tool now allows users to set multiple parameters to search for and locate a practice that may be of benefit. Best practices are categorized based on the Kentucky AdvancED Standards:

- purpose and direction

- governance and leadership
- teaching and assessing for learning resources and support systems
- using results for continuous improvement

A more user-friendly application makes it easy to submit a best practice for consideration and simply doing so could make your best practice even better! A panel of subject matter experts will review and score each submission based on a rubric, as well as offer suggestions on how to strengthen it. Feedback will be provided to applicants via email. Accepted best practices will be added to the website. KDE periodically recognizes and celebrates successful applicants for their submissions.

So, whether you are submitting a best practice or searching for one, be sure to take advantage of this powerful tool.

Getting started with PD 360

PD 360 contains the largest online library of training videos for educators in the world. When you access PD 360, you will have essential tools that provide more value than any other on-demand professional-development resource. The 2,000-plus videos and online professional learning community of nearly 1 million verified educators make PD 360 the world's largest on-demand professional development resource for educators.

All Kentucky educators have access to PD 360 and other resources from the School Improvement Network from the Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS) homepage 24-hours a day, seven days a week, through any Internet-connected computer configured with a modern browser. Accessing professional learning tailored to your needs, your schedule, and the needs of your students is as close as your computer keyboard with PD 360 and Common Core 360. You can access these powerful online resources through CIITS Videos that support the Kentucky Framework for Teaching (the foundation for the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System) are also accessible through

the Educator Development Suite in CIITS.

To learn more about PD 360 and Common Core 360, including how to log in and start your professional learning, you can view this four minute video:

http://media.education.ky.gov/video1/On-Demand2013/PD360_intro_KY_3-22-2013.mp4

To learn more about using PD 360 and Common Core 360 for professional learning, follow these steps:

1. Log into CIITS at ciits.kyschools.us
2. Click on the PD 360 and Common Core 360 link on the left hand side of the page and automatically be logged in to PD 360
3. Click on each of the following links to watch these three segments:

Learn and Apply - <http://www.pd360.com/index.cfm?ContentId=6888>

Track Your Progress - <http://www.pd360.com/index.cfm?ContentId=6889>

Network with Others - <http://www.pd360.com/index.cfm?ContentId=6890>

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Franklin-Simpson High School unveils new music suite - <http://www.franklinfavorite.com/articles/2014/02/13/news/doc52fd-23f698ee2863981828.txt>

Community college's advanced technology lab gives Hopkins County High School students dual credit opportunities with hands-on, skills-building training - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUI33I&dasi=3UBI>

Iroquois and Fairdale High School students get grant to build amphitheater, athletic field on JCPS property - <http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/print-edition/2013/05/17/iroquois-fairdale-students-get-grant.html?page=all>

New report underscores impact of Leslie County High School turnaround work - students' grade point averages and college readiness marks beat the state average - <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/New-stats-show-mixed-picture-for-Eastern-Kentucky-schools-246101441.html>

Local agriculture community comes to aid of Lincoln County High School students restoring 65-year-old tractor as a special project for LCHS Agriculture Power and Machinery class and FFA - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUAPUI&dasi=3UBI>

Kentucky Teacher guest column by Joanna Howerton Stevens, math teacher at Lincoln County High School and 2014 High School Teacher of the Year http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/guest-columnist/2014/02/lessons-for-new-teachers/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29

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Highlights from Priority School websites and newsletters

Eastern Priority Schools

East Carter County High School

Band students excel

The following East Carter High School students were selected to participate in the 2014 Marshall University High School Festival Band:

Chase Willis, Delaney Harris, Nikki Miller, Joey Williams, Carrie Hamm, Emily Stephens, Fenner Morse, Morgan Jones

These students traveled to the campus of Marshall University February 20-22 and performed in one of three large concert band ensembles with students from several different states.



District Governor's Cup Winners

East Carter High School's Academic Team competed in the District Governor's Cup recently. The following students placed that day and moved on to regionals.

Future Problem Solving:

First Place: Ashton Sloas, Curtis Fields, Andrea Howard, Dana Biechele

Social Studies:

Fifth Place: Patrick Callihan

Arts and Humanities:

Second Place: Jacob McDavid

Fourth Place: Ashton Sloas

Science:

First Place: Tanner Sammons

Fourth Place: Jacob McDavid

Math:

Fifth Place—Josh Porter

Written Composition:

Fifth Place: Andrea Howard



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Students learn what future holds at Metcalfe County High School College and Career Fair - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUAAYB&dasi=3UBI>



CIITS update

The new CIITS version 15.4, scheduled for release in April, will include changes in the Instructional Management System (IMS). Enhancements to the Instructional Management System (IMS) include:

- Equation Editor: updated characters/symbols
- Teacher Notes for Items/Assessments
- Anchor Papers
- Enhanced ScanIt Upgrade Process
- Item statistics in Item Central
- Authoring and student input in Latin, Italian, and Chinese (simplified)
- Improved EQUELLA integration for assessment items
- Support for newest item types on Android tablets
- Faster searching for tests, and overall test tunnel maintenance
- QTI updates

Continued development work is in progress to support the additional multiple measures for helping teachers to complete Professional Growth Plans and Self Reflections. Pearson has scheduled this development to be complete for the 2014-15 school year.

East Carter High School

District Governor's Cup Winners**FBLA Regional Conference winners**

The East Carter FBLA Chapter recently attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Conference on the campus of Morehead State University. The following East Carter High School students placed in the following events:

Ryan Walker—Mr. FBLA (This is a HUGE honor!) and 1st Place Spreadsheet Applications; Abigail Stanley—2nd Place Public Speaking II; Darrah Carper—1st Place Word Processing.

The club also captured an award that they had never won — Largest Chapter Membership for the Region with 137 members. Aundra Shearer and Tera Baldwin sponsor the ECHS FBLA Chapter. Great job to all!



Ryan Walker, Mr. FBLA

ECHS sophomores attend STEM Career Fair

ECHS sophomores were among 180 students from high schools around the region to attend ACTC's STEM Career Fair Wednesday, March 12. While there, they explored the highly demanding – and rewarding – occupations that depend largely on workers who are well-educated in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Other students learned about forensics, civil engineering, information technology, pharmacy, physical therapy, chemistry, and refinery operations.

Their presenters all were professionals in the field or ACTC instructors, many of whom came to academia after careers of their own. One of those professionals was Christopher Blair from NASA, a former ECHS science teacher.

Why sophomores? According to ACTC President Kay Adkins, these students are in “a pivotal year” in their education. As sophomores, “they still have a couple of years to think, explore and do things like this to shape what they want to do after high school.”

Mandy Langstaff, ECHS Sophomore, had this to say, “It was a great experience for anyone looking to get into a STEM career. I didn't realize that Information Technology can be found in many different types of jobs. I gained a whole new respect for nurses.”



Fleming County High School

Congrats to these FCHS Art students who received 2nd place for their paper sculpture at the Kentucky Regional All-State Art Competition, hosted by the Kentucky Art Education Association at Morehead State University!



Nurse Aide Class

Fleming County High School is proud to announce that the first trimester Medicaid Nurse Aide class has successfully passed the Kentucky state nurse aide test with a 100% pass rate! The Medicaid Nurse Aide class is instructed by Janet Grimes, RN. There were seven students who successfully completed the class and took the test: Ana Percino, Amber Bivens, Samantha Humphries, Adam Powell, Bethany Deatley, and Brooklyn Fields (Jessica Masters is absent from the photo). We want to congratulate these students on their success!



Operation Preparation

On March 19, 2014, more than 390 Fleming County 8th and 10th grade students attended Operation Preparation at Fleming County High School. Nearly 40 community partners were available to speak with the students in small-group rotations. Careers in multiple areas were represented, including livestock production, pharmacy, television broadcasting, aviation, and several more! The community partners discussed students' career aspirations, required education/training and workforce skills, and academic courses recommended to prepare them for a successful future.

Operation Preparation is a joint effort of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development and provides a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the process of effective advising and focus attention on the importance of planning for college and/or career.



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Greenup County High School

Kentucky Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica State Convention

Last February, senior Sydney Shoemaker was elected to serve as the State President of the Kentucky Association of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, the state's Spanish Honor Society for high school students. With this office, Shoemaker assumed a tremendous amount of responsibility, including the facilitating of meetings and organizing a statewide convention.

Under the direction of advisor Catherine Del Valle, Sydney had to plan and coordinate multiple events for the convention that was held in late February 2014. More than 200 students from approximately 12 schools were in attendance. The convention transitioned from the high school to the Ashland Plaza Hotel throughout the weekend. Students enjoyed educational sessions and various forms of exposure to the Spanish culture. Beyond this, a new class of officers was elected to govern the honor society. When election results were announced, Junior Allison Tracy was named to the position of State Secretary.

Overall, GCHS received a tremendous amount of positive feedback for a well-organized and fun event. The students in attendance had a great time.



Senior Sydney Shoemaker, State President of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica participates in a traditional Spanish broom dance during the 2014 convention held at Greenup County High School.



Junior Allison Tracy smiles after she is announced as the State Secretary of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica for the upcoming school year.



Senior Harlan "Strait" Taylor received a scholarship that represented all Spanish II and Spanish III students across the state of Kentucky

Knox Central High School

Fourteen students will represent Knox Central High School at the Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America conference after competing at regional conference.

Future Business Leaders of America, a career and technical student organization, allows students in the pathways of business and marketing to demonstrate their knowledge of business principles and procedures through competitive events and networking opportunities. The students competed against business students from across eastern Kentucky for the chance to advance to state during Region 6 competition held at Eastern Kentucky University on Friday, March 7.

Winners from Knox Central:

1st Place, Brandi Mills, Desktop Publishing

1st Place, Morgan Warfield, Personal Finance

1st Place, Sarah Miles, Client Services

2nd Place, Brandi Mills, Cyber Security

2nd Place, Chris Gibson, Computer Applications

2nd Place, Aaron Nottingham, Accounting I

2nd Place, Bobby Keith, Brian Gibbs, and Dalton Sizemore, Sports and Entertainment Management

2nd Place, Rachel Hudson, Ms. Future Business Leader

2nd Place, Kelsey Engle, Word Processing

3rd Place, Alexis Carnes and Anna Owens, Banking and Financial Systems

3rd Place, Devon Hurley, Mr. Future Business Leader

The students are now preparing for the State Leadership Conference that will be held March 14-16 at the Galt House in Louisville. Students who place in their competitive events at State will have an opportunity to advance to the National conference to be held June 29-July 2 in Nashville, Tenn..



Lawrence County High School

Two LCHS students won High School Best of Show, first and second place medals, and monetary prize awards at the 2nd Annual FIVCO/ACTC (FIVCO Area Development District/Ashland Community & Technical College) Science and Engineering Fair on Feb. 21 in Ashland, KY. Brayden West won a first place medal along with \$1,200 cash. Jeremy Webb won a second place medal along with \$150 cash.



2nd place winner Jeremy Webb, left, and 1st place winner Brayden West, right

At the State Governor's Cup Academic Competition in Louisville this past weekend, Lawrence County High School senior Tanner Bowen qualified and competed in two different subjects, Language Arts and Social Studies. Tanner placed 9th in the entire state and was awarded his medal and trophy by Gov. Steve Beshear.



Lawrence County High School Academic Team Coach Ed Dixon (left) with Tanner Bowen

Lincoln County High School

The Lincoln County board recognized William Roberts, a senior at Lincoln County High School, with a Patriot Award at the March board meeting. William is passionate about music and devotes much of his time to musical endeavors. He is a singer/songwriter who plays both the guitar and piano. William has been accepted into the KMEA All-State Choir twice in his high school career. He has spent four years in chorus and is also an active participant in Agricultural Mechanics and the Future Farmers of America Club. William competes in the talent division of the Future Farmers of America club where he has received multiple first and second place awards at the regional and state levels. William is participating in this year's regional FFA talent show hoping to win 1st place and qualify for state once again.

The board also presented Johnna Ward, music teacher at LCHS, with a Patriot Award for her dedication and role in refining this young man's talent.



Perry County High School

Reagan Stamper and Seth Lewis performed in the Kentucky Music Educators Association All-State Chorus. The concert took place at the Kentucky Center in Louisville on Friday, Feb. 8 as part of the 2014 Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference. They were chosen for the honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state. Congrats to Reagan and Seth!



Pulaski County High School

On Friday, March 7 members of Pulaski County's High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Chapter attended the Region 6 Competition in Richmond, KY. At the conference, members won an amazing 32 awards and 55 members qualified for state competition in Louisville, KY on April 14-16. Twenty schools from the region attended and only the top three in each event advanced to state competition.



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Pulaski County High School

Pulaski DECA (an Association of Marketing Students) set a new record by having 23 students qualify for International DECA competition. For the first time ever, all of the qualifiers won either 1st or 2nd place in their events. They are now invited to compete on the International level in May in Atlanta, GA.



Congratulations to our very own Lisa Hurt for being selected as the DECA Teacher of the Year. Great job and very deserving!



JCPS/CENTRAL PRIORITY SCHOOLS

Congratulations to FERN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL and TRIMBLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL for meeting their KDE-established delivery targets for CCR! SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL is also close to meeting their CCR delivery target! Keep up the great work!

Doss High School

Our FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members brought home some hardware after the recent regional competition. These students worked diligently after school and on weekends to prepare for their events against some very tough competition in our region. Deja Curry won 2nd place in the FBLA Public Speaking competition. Sean McKeehan won 3rd place in the FBLA Help Desk event. Deja and Sean will advance to the State FBLA competition. Olivia Campbell and Jessica Richards were also finalists in the Business Ethics competition. Congratulations to our entire FBLA team!



Sean McKeehan-3rd place Help Desk and Deja Curry-2nd place Public Speaking

Fairdale High School



The Fairdale Band performing at the District Band Assessment

The Fairdale Symphonic Band has received Distinguished ratings at the District Band Assessment for the third year in a row! Quite an accomplishment!



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Fairdale High School

The Vogt Achievement Scholarship is a \$10,000 undergraduate college tuition scholarship that was established in 1999 by Henry Heuser, Sr., through the Community Foundation of Louisville. This special award honors exceptional students throughout Jefferson County who have demonstrated high standards of scholarship, character, citizenship, and leadership. Congratulations!



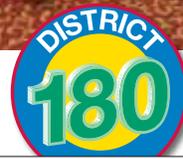
Fairdale senior Kari Nunley receiving the Vogt Achievement Scholarship on March 24

Olmsted Middle School



The Olmsted North Chess Team competed in the Kentucky State Scholastic Team Championships in Lexington. In a very close tournament, the Colts were able to edge out two outstanding Lexington-based schools to place 2nd in the state. We are all very proud of our young men as well as Coach Neubauer for the hard work they all put in throughout the season.

Olmsted North students participating in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)



Olmsted Middle School



KUNA Secretary General's Choice Award and Outstanding Country Sign Winners



Olmsted North KUNA students for win the "Delegate of Excellence Award"

Waggener High School



The Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP) held its 26th Annual Business Breakfast on March 27 to celebrate student achievement and recognize local business and community support. Senior Irakoze Dieudone was selected as the LEEP (Louisville Education and Employment Partnership) ABC Scholarship Student of the Year Recipient.

Western High School



Joshua Gregory poses with his winning essay from JCTC's "Celebrating Women of Character" essay contest.

WESTERN PRIORITY SCHOOLS

Metcalfe County High School

Schedule Preview Night held January 23, 2014

By Kelly Bell, MCHS Principal

Metcalfe County High School realizes the demands of today's workplace and provides certifications to put our graduates at the front of any hiring line. We also want them to be as prepared as possible for the college level. MCHS teachers are highly trained and offer courses that are rigorous to ensure a seamless transition from high school to the university level. The big "BUT" is that students must begin EARLY! Many of our certification offerings begin at the freshman level. Each year students are required to take specific classes that feed into a certification. That is why we encouraged everyone in grades 8 -11 to come to Schedule Preview Night. We also strongly recommended 6th and 7th graders and parents come to get a "preview" of the classes they need to be thinking about taking when they get to MCHS.



Metcalfe principal

Kelly Bell said, "It was a tremendous success based on our large number of attendees, but scheduling has also been much more intentional by our students. They are asking questions we were accustomed to hearing from sophomores and juniors, and these were incoming freshmen! So, we are very excited. Communication between school and home is the key and I believe we have made great gains in that area."

More than 250 students in grades 6-12 attended this groundbreaking event. Parents and students stayed past closing time asking questions.

Health Sciences Boot Camp

By Melissa Smith, MCHS Health Sciences instructor

Metcalfe County High School's Health Sciences students received valuable certification and training in the summer of 2013 while attending a special "Boot Camp" to prepare them for enrollment in one of three certification courses. The boot camp was part of a College and Career Readiness Grant awarded to MCHS.

Junior and Senior students participated in the Boot Camp to gain required CPR/AED and Safety and First Aid certifications and HIPPA (Health Information Privacy and Portability Act) training. Students were taught the importance of infection control procedures and how to utilize personal protective equipment. They learned important job skills such as taking vital signs, as well as how to get and keep a job.

The Boot Camp, taught by Health Sciences instructor and registered nurse Melissa Smith, helps prepare students for a job in the healthcare workplace. Smith states, "We have a very successful Nurse Aide training program at MCHS and have certified 170 Nurse Aides over the past 14 years. As the demand for trained healthcare professionals continues to rise, we want to place our students in those jobs!" Smith continues, "We want them college and career ready! In addition to our popular nurse aide program, we have added two brand new certification programs - Pharmacy Technician and Phlebotomy. Now students can choose from three different certifications."

Earning these certifications during high school allows students to begin working in the healthcare field right away. It's not easy. The course work is rigorous and demanding. Enrollment is very competitive and the students know they must work hard and take their training seriously. The Health Sciences Boot Camp will become an annual summer offering for Metcalfe students. 2013 Boot Camp participants are pictured below.



Photos from the Health Science Boot Camp on Page 15



Boot Camp Participants left to right from bottom row: Hannah Thompson, Genesis Nickson, Brilynne Jessie, Mandi Rigsby, Kassidy Edwards, Samantha Perry, Amanda Word, Kayla Ennis; 2nd row Amber Smiley, Lauran Coffey, Katie Clemmons, Haley Brown, Sydney Edwards, Megan Edwards, teacher Melissa Smith; 3rd row Moriah Young, Anna Shockley, Peyton Miller, Emmy Scott, Courtney Shaw, Sierra England; 4th row Tesla Coomer, Arianna Beard, Barbara Mudd, Patty Green, Bethany Wheeler; 5th row Skylar Smith, Jessica Cravens, Jalen Clemmons, Wynonna Copas, Chelsea Corum; Back row Kristin O'Leary, Leah Logsdon, Katie Huffman, Kelly Coleman; Participants not pictured: Cameron Wilson, Cassie South, Taylor White, Lauran Froedge and Jackson Bell



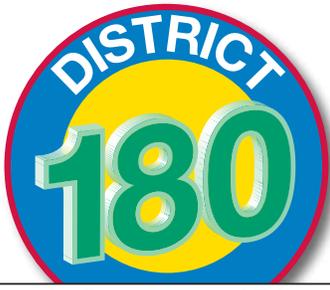
Senior Cameron Wilson, CNA, demonstrates proper vital signs skills



Seniors Megan Edwards and Cassie South demonstrate CPR compressions with the group.



Chelsea Corum, CNA, gets her pulse taken by Kassidy Edwards and Wynonna Copas



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Send us your news!

We will be sending the next District 180 newsletter in June. If you have positive news related to your school, we would love to publish it in the newsletter! Links to news stories and/or pictures from the media are appreciated if you have them but not required.

We want to celebrate all the good things that are happening in Priority Schools! Please send all information to Donna Davis at donna.davis@education.ky.gov.

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KDE Revised Consolidated Compliance Plan for Non-Discrimination Available

Please be advised that the Kentucky Department of Education has revised its Consolidated Compliance Plan for Non-Discrimination. The revised plan has been posted on the Legal and Legislative Services page on KDE's website and includes a Discrimination Complaint Form that can be filled out by anyone alleging discrimination against KDE staff and/or KDE program areas.