

The background is a collage of two images. The top-left portion shows a line of yellow school buses, with the number '32' visible on the front of the lead bus. The bottom-right portion shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. Several desks and chairs are arranged in the room.

Superintendents Webcast

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022



Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION

Agenda

Welcome

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner

COVID-19 Updates from the Kentucky Department for Public Health

Connie White, M.D., Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Affairs, Kentucky Department for Public Health

KDE Communications Updates and United We Learn Activity

Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Chief Communications Officer, Office of the Commissioner

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner

Kentucky Board of Education Update

Lu S. Young, KBE Chair

KDE Office of Continuous Improvement Updates

Kelly Foster, Ed.D., KDE Associate Commissioner, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support
KDE Office of Teaching and Learning and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belong (DEIB) Team Updates

Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D., KDE Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer

Micki Ray, KDE Chief Academic Officer, Office of Teaching and Learning

Question and Answer Session

KDE Leadership

[\(Submit Questions via Google Form\)](#)

Superintendents Webcast

Connie Gayle White, MD, MS, FACOG

Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Affairs

Aug. 9, 2022



KENTUCKY CABINET FOR
HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES



Kentucky Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top left portion shows a line of yellow school buses, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of one. The bottom left portion shows a classroom with several desks and chairs, a blue wall, and colorful balloons. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

KDE Communications Updates

Toni Konz Tatman

KDE Chief Communications Officer

Office of the Commissioner





11 Semifinalists Named for 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year

- [Eleven outstanding teachers from across the state are semifinalists for the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year award.](#) KDE and Valvoline Inc. announced the semifinalists on Aug. 1.
- The teachers are in the running to be named as elementary, middle and high school Teacher of the Year, one of whom will be named the overall 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. Winners will be announced Sept. 20 at a ceremony in Frankfort.
- The 11 semifinalists are among 24 educators who were named 2023 Valvoline™ Teacher Achievement Award winners in July.

2023 KENTUCKY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
ELEVEN SEMIFINALISTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
Rebecca Brewer Kelly Gates Amber Hays	Caitlin Buckley Nathaniel Green Danielle Hicks Mandy Perez	Lauren Niemann Cathy Conley Robin Kemp Amber L. Sergent

 Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION

 Valvoline.

Next Superintendents Huddle on Flood Recovery to be Held on Aug. 11

- Kentucky Commissioner of Education Jason E. Glass [met with local superintendents on Aug. 1](#) to ensure KDE addresses the real-time needs of districts most impacted by severe flooding that has devastated parts of eastern Kentucky.
- The next meeting with superintendents will take place this Thursday, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. ET. Dr. Glass and leadership from KDE will continue to meet with affected districts as the situation unfolds.
- You should have already received a calendar invite for this meeting, if you have not please contact Toni Konz Tatman at toni.tatman@education.ky.gov.



Kentucky EdTech Leaders Recognized with 2020-2022 Stilwell Award

- KDE recognized about 2,400 key education technology staff from the state's K-12 school districts and KDE's Office of Education Technology for their dedication and support of education technology during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were [selected as recipients of the 2020-2022 Stilwell Award](#).
- This award's two-year time frame recognizes the unique circumstances that came from the pandemic and the crucial role technology staff and faculty played in supporting the Kentucky educational system.
- The Stilwell Award is named after the late William "Bill" E. Stilwell, a longtime faculty member of the University of Kentucky's College of Education who worked diligently throughout his career to improve Kentucky K-12 educators' access to modern technology.

2020-2022 STILWELL AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED WITH COMMEMORATIVE COIN



KDE Launches Toolkit to Help Educators Support LGBTQI+ Youth

- As part of KDE's commitment to support the health and safety of all students, [a new webpage has been created to house resources for educators](#) seeking to support students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, asexual, intersex, nonbinary and individuals who identify their sexual orientation or gender identity in other ways (LGBTQI+).
- Research from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that 34% of LGBTQI+ students experience bullying at school and they are at greater risk of experiencing personal violence.
- The new webpage will have research and data, relevant pieces of nonregulatory guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and links to national organizations that provide further resources to educators.

KDE LAUNCHES TOOLKIT

TO HELP EDUCATORS SUPPORT

LGBTQI+ YOUTH





Stop for school buses! Drivers can receive a fine, but for a child, it could be a matter of life or death. That is why KDE has partnered with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to help remind drivers of Kentucky's school bus stop law.

Learn more and download a printable poster and graphics: bit.ly/KyBusStopLaw #KyEd

KDE Launches United We Learn Toolkit for Superintendents

- KDE has launched a [United We Learn toolkit for superintendents](#).
- This toolkit was created to help superintendents communicate with their stakeholders about United We Learn.
- Everything is “grab and go” as much as possible and includes items such as one- and two-pagers and letters.



United We Learn video



United We Learn Interactive Activity

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner



Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION



- *United We Learn* is our vision for the future of public education in Kentucky. This vision builds around three big ideas: creating a more **vibrant experience for every student, encouraging innovation in our schools** – especially when it comes to assessment, and creating a bold new future for Kentucky’s schools through **collaboration with our communities**.
- **Question:** *Imagine you are presenting at your “Back To School” event with families, what example would you give of a “vibrant student experience” (Big Idea #1) to help parents understand what those are?*

[Please use this Google Doc to record your responses.](#)

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the number '32' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the image from the top left to the bottom right.

Kentucky Board of Education Update

Lu S. Young, Ed.D.

KBE Chair

Welcome Joanna and Joud!



Work Session

- United We Learn -
Understanding the UWL vision
- School improvement practices
- Addressing the whole child in
the virtual learning
environment
- Discussion on potential 2023
KBE goals and legislative
priorities



Regular Meeting

- Election of KBE chair and vice chair
- Approval of policies for KSB, KSD and Kentucky Tech System
- Approval of 704 KAR 3:535, Full-Time Enrolled Online, Virtual and Remote Learning Programs
- Approval of 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance
- You can read news release here: <https://bit.ly/KBEMeetingAug3>



2022 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

Congratulations to our winners:

- Barbara Washington, Murray State University
- Alexis Patterson and Jeanine Mosher, Person First Academy
- Read more in our news release: <http://bit.ly/GrissomAward2022>



2022 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Reflection - Willie Edward Taylor Carver Jr.

“Love pervades education. It’s why we are here. We don’t just deliver content to the kids in the room. We sit with them, we get to know their struggles, their fears, their hopes and their ambitions, and we do everything in our power, sitting right beside of them, to get them to their wildest hope, to transform their lenses so that we might transform their lives. “



[Video: 2022 Teacher of the Year Sabbatical Review to Kentucky Board of Education](#)

Looking Ahead

KBE Regular Meeting and
Commissioner's Evaluation

Oct. 11-12, 2022

Logan County Career
and Technical Center
Russellville, KY





ESEA Distinguished Schools Program

Kelly Foster, Ed.D.

KDE Associate Commissioner

Office of Continuous Improvement and Support



Kentucky Department of
E D U C A T I O N

National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished Schools Program

- The [National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program](#) publicly recognizes selected schools.
- Every year, states can identify up to two Distinguished Schools in three possible categories:
 - Category 1: Exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.
 - Category 2: Closing the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years.
 - Category 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students (homeless, migrant, English Learners, etc.)
- [Schools interested in applying for consideration as a Distinguished School in Categories 1, 2 or 3 must submit a completed application](#) signed by the school principal and district superintendent by the deadline of Sept. 2, 2022.

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape separates the two images.

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Kelly Foster, Ed.D.

KDE Associate Commissioner

Office of Continuous Improvement and Support



Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

- During the 2022 school year, districts are required to maintain a Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan.
- Your district may call this the SB 1 plan, ARP ESER plan or COVID-19 plan.
- This is a requirement under the ARP ESSER Program.
- Plans must be revisited every six months.
- Updated plans must be submitted to KDE using the link on the KDE website. Plans also must be posted to the district's website.

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with 'SCHOOL BUS' written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape separates the two images.

2022 Continuous Improvement Summit

Kelly Foster, Ed.D.

KDE Associate Commissioner

Office of Continuous Improvement and Support




Kentucky Department of

E D U C A T I O N

2022 Continuous Improvement Summit

- Registration for KDE's 2022 Continuous Improvement Summit is open!
- The summit will be held on Sept. 26-27 at the Central Bank Center, formerly the Lexington Convention Center.
- The summit will feature keynote speaker Bradley J. Geise, who will discuss Data Analysis for Continuous Improvement.
- [Register for the summit](#) on the Cognia website.

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. Desks and chairs are arranged in rows.

Office of Teaching and Learning Resource Update

Micki Ray

KDE Chief Academic Officer
Office of Teaching and Learning



Early Literacy Screener Assessments

- To support the selection of valid and reliable universal screeners and diagnostics, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has compiled a list of approved universal screeners for district review.
- Selection criteria, an “at-a-glance” comparison chart and more detailed one-pagers can be found on the [Early Literacy Screening Assessments webpage](#).
- Questions regarding the approved list of screeners and diagnostics may be directed to Christie Biggerstaff, KDE Office of Teaching and Learning Director of Early Literacy, via email at christie.biggerstaff@education.ky.gov.

Kentucky Reading Academies

- Phase 1 of LETRS registration closed Aug. 5.
- Participants will be notified the week of Aug. 8.
- Live, virtual Welcome Celebration and LETRS Kickoff to be held on Aug. 23 at 4:30 p.m. ET
- Questions regarding the Kentucky Reading Academies and the LETRS professional learning may be directed to Christie Biggerstaff, OTL Director of Early Literacy, via email at christie.biggerstaff@education.ky.gov.

Reading and Writing Instructional Resources Consumer Guide

- Created to assist districts and schools in the evaluation and selection of high-quality reading and writing instructional resources aligned to the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing*.
- Available now on the [High-Quality Instructional Resources webpage](https://www.kystandards.org) on [KYstandards.org](https://www.kystandards.org).
- Questions regarding the consumer guide may be directed to Chrystal Rowland, Director of KDE's Division of Program Standards, via email at chrystal.rowland@education.ky.gov.

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the number '32' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and colorful balloons. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

Question and Answer Session

(Submit Questions via Google Form)

KDE Leadership

 Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

Next Superintendents Webcast

Sept. 13, 2022



Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION