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# Superintendents Webcast

Sept. 13, 2023



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# Agenda

## Welcome

*Jason E. Glass, Commissioner of Education*

## Kentucky Department of Education Updates

*Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Chief Communications Officer*

## Commissioner Search Update and Activity

*Sharon Porter Robinson, Ph.D., Chair, Kentucky Board of Education*

## Office of Teaching and Learning Updates

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

## Remarks from Commissioner Jason E. Glass

## Questions and Answers

(Submit Questions via Google Form)

*KDE Leadership*

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# KDE Updates

Toni Konz Tatman

KDE Chief Communications Officer





# Competitive Grants from KDE

## FY24 Math Achievement Fund (MAF) Mini Grant

- Grant Applications Due: Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. ET
- Award Amount: \$40,000.00
- Matching Funds Requirement: No
- A virtual technical assistance session is scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m. Link is available on the [KDE competitive grants webpage](#).

## FY24 21st Century Grant

- Request for application and related documents will be posted to the [KDE Competitive Grants webpage](#) soon. In-person technical assistance sessions are planned for Sept. 25, 26 and 27 in Frankfort, Bowling Green and Richmond.

*For more information about grants offered by KDE, please visit the [KDE competitive grants webpage](#) or call/email Jennifer Bryant at (502) 564-1979 or [jennifer.bryant@education.ky.gov](mailto:jennifer.bryant@education.ky.gov).*



# Mathematics Achievement Fund (MAF) Mini-Grant FY23

- Per KRS 158.844, a district/school shall use funding to purchase instructional materials for mathematics (including intervention programs and diagnostic assessments) that are [High-Quality Instructional Resources](#) (HQIR).
- The FY22 MAF Mini-Grant funded 75 schools @ \$40,000 for the purchase of HQIR and associated curriculum-based professional learning.
- **Sept. 14**, 4-5 p.m. ET, **Technical Assistance Webinar** via Teams Link: [Microsoft Teams meeting](#). Attending or watching this recorded session is recommended.
- **Nov. 8**, 4 p.m. ET. **application deadline**. All questions and applications must be sent to [KDERFP@education.ky.gov](mailto:KDERFP@education.ky.gov).

# Nominations Open for the 2023-2024 Kentucky Education Support Staff Professional Award

- Nominations are open for the the 2023-2024 [Kentucky Education Support Staff Professional Award](#).
- The award recognizes classified school employees who have displayed exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school.
- The top two nominees also will be considered for the national 2024 Recognizing Inspirational School Employees (RISE) Award.
- Eligible candidates must work in any of the following occupational specialties: paraprofessional, clerical and administrative services, transportation services, food and nutrition services, custodial and maintenance services, security services, health and student services, technical services, and skilled trades.
- The nomination period will close at 11:59 p.m. ET on Sept. 27. Each nominator can [submit up to two candidates for consideration](#).



# Kentucky Applications Now Open for 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program

- Applications are now open for the 2024 United States Senate Youth Program, a program that takes the most outstanding high school students from around the country to Washington, D.C., for a weeklong study of the federal government and the people who lead it.
- Two Kentucky high school students will be selected this fall as delegates and will each receive a \$10,000 college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in history, government and public affairs.
- KDE oversees the selection process of Kentucky's students.
- High school teachers and principals are encouraged to nominate qualified high school juniors and seniors to apply. Applications are available online and are due Oct. 2.
- [Find the link to the 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program application and read more on \*Kentucky Teacher\*.](#)



# Share Your ESSER Stories

- KDE is sharing how schools and districts are using funds they received through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.
- KDE recently highlighted how its Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) leaders have focused on expanding special education teachers' career and technical education (CTE) knowledge to increase accessibility.
- Bill Bates, KDE's first exceptional child education consultant for CTE, is leading an effort to provide special education teachers with professional development to encourage special education teachers to collaborate with their CTE colleagues, assisting special education students as they pursue postsecondary opportunities.
- If you would like to share how your schools or district is using ESSER money to help students succeed, send your information to Chief Communications Officer [Toni Konz Tatman](#).





# KDE to announce 2024 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Wednesday

- Winners of the elementary, middle and high school Teacher of the Year awards, in addition to the overall 2024 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, will be announced during the ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda.
- Semifinalists for the elementary Teacher of the Year are: Katie Hale, Ponderosa Elementary (**Boyd County**); Deanna Landrum, Southgate Public School (**Southgate Independent**); Justin Moreschi, Klondike Lane Elementary (**Jefferson County**); and Donnie Wilkerson, Jamestown Elementary (**Russell County**)
- The middle school semifinalists are: Kevin Dailey, Ballyshannon Middle (**Boone County**); Doug Henry, Bullitt Lick Middle (**Bullitt County**); and Kimberly Thompson, Eastside Middle (**Bullitt County**).
- The high school semifinalists are: Ryan Davis, Waggener High (**Jefferson County**); Luke Glaser, Hazard High (**Hazard Independent**); and Kumar Rashad, Breckinridge Metropolitan High (**Jefferson County**).
- Watch the ceremony live at 10:30 a.m. ET on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

## **KDE MEDIA PORTAL**

2024 **KENTUCKY** TEACHER AWARDS  
AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

September 13, 2023 | 10:30 A.M. ET



# Kentucky Teacher Spotighting New Superintendents

- Paul Mullins has found his way home after working in various education positions across the state for the past 30 years.
- Mullins, a 1983 Elizabethtown High School graduate, was named new superintendent of Elizabethtown Independent Schools, effective Sept. 1.
- Mullins currently serves as superintendent of Logan County Schools, where he has been for seven years. His term there will end Aug. 31 before he starts at Elizabethtown.
- [Read more about Mullins on Kentucky Teacher.](#)



# New Bus Safety Video Shared

- As school districts across the state begin a new school year, it is important for drivers to remember to be aware of and cautious around school buses and to drive attentively.
- Every day in Kentucky, 8,975 school buses transport over 385,000 students to and from school.
- KDE has released a new video about school safety with the help of students from Woodford County High School.
- Watch and share the video on KDE's social media channels.



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# Commissioner Search Update and Activity

Sharon Porter Robinson, Ph.D.  
Chair, Kentucky Board of Education



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# Commissioner Search Timeline

- Kentucky Commissioner of Education Jason E. Glass announced on July 31 that he will step down from his position on Sept. 29.
- On Aug. 21, the KBE authorized KDE to issue a solicitation for a national search firm that could begin a search for a new commissioner. The request for proposals may be found on [Kentucky's Vendor Self Service website](#).
- KBE is holding a special meeting at 1 p.m. ET Thursday and is expected to name an interim commissioner. You can watch the meeting on the [KDE Media Portal](#).
- Over the next 3 months, KBE members will be engaging with various stakeholder groups, including all of KDE's advisory councils, to ask them **Two Big Questions**.
- Stay up to date on what is happening with the commissioner search on [the KDE Commissioner Search webpage](#).



# COMMISSIONER SEARCH

## 2023-2024

## Question One

- What qualities do you hope the Kentucky Board of Education will look for in the commissioner of education?

# COMMISSIONER SEARCH

## 2023-2024

## Question Two

- What do you hope the new commissioner of education will prioritize in his or her first year?

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# Office of Teaching and Learning Updates

Micki Ray

KDE Chief Academic Officer

Office of Teaching and Learning



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# KDE Seeking Public Comment on Current Health and Physical Education Standards

- KDE is seeking input from all stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, students, families, and business and community members.
- The public comment survey is open through **Sept. 29.**
- Please share with those within your local community.



# An Update on LETRS Professional Learning through the Kentucky Reading Academies

The Kentucky Reading Academies is being implemented in three phases:

- Cohort/Phase 1 - Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
- Cohort/Phase 2 - Fall 2023 – Spring 2025
- Cohort/Phase 3 - Fall 2024 – Spring 2026

# Office of Teaching and Learning Seeking Standards Committee Members

- Application for participation on the health education and physical education standards advisory panels and review committee is open through **Sept. 29**.
- Please share with health and physical education teachers, instructional leads and building administrators.

[Application for the Advisory Panel and Review Committee](#)



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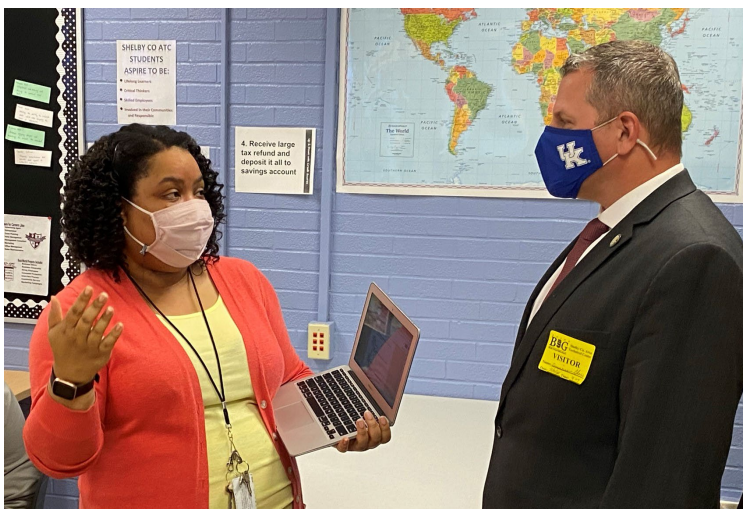
# A Note of Gratitude

Jason E. Glass

Commissioner and Chief Learner



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# Next Superintendents Webcast

Oct. 17, 2023

2-4 p.m. ET



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