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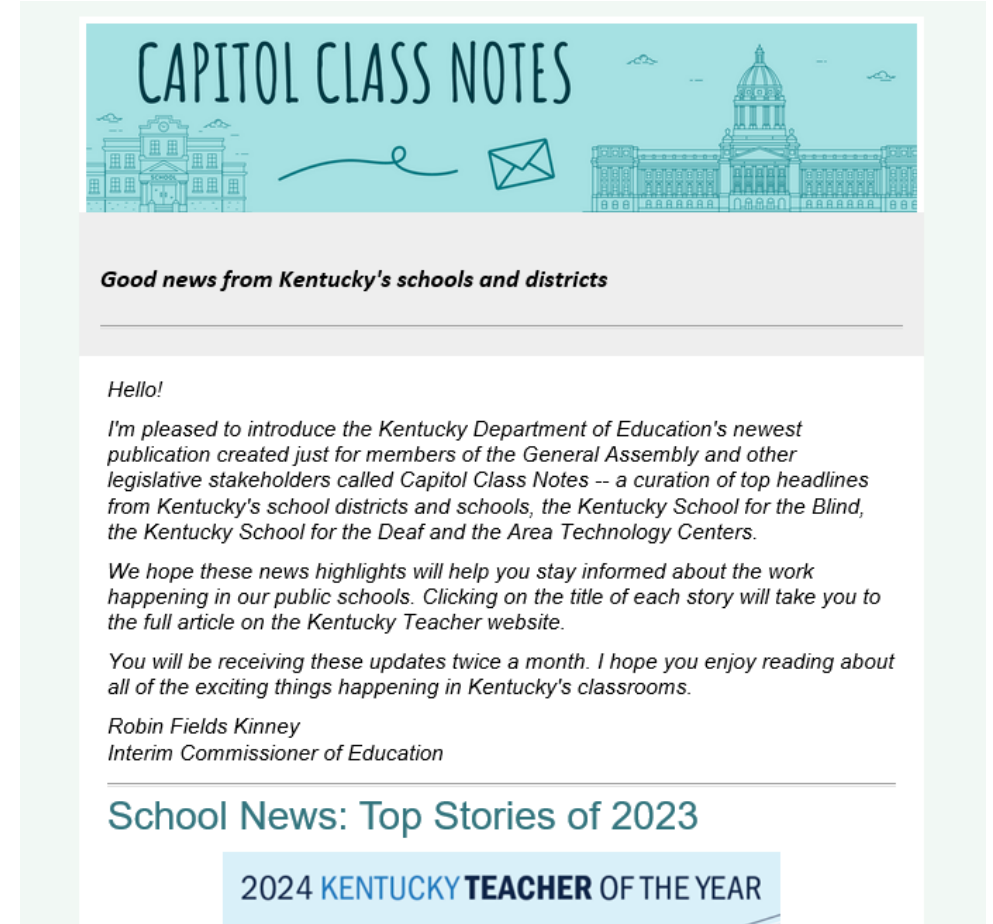


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Capitol Class Notes

- On Jan. 9, KDE debuted a new and exciting way we are working to share what is happening in your districts and schools with members of the General Assembly.
- Capitol Class Notes will be sent out on Tuesday mornings twice a month directly to members of the General Assembly and other legislative stakeholders.
- It will include a curation of top headlines from Kentucky's school districts and schools, the Kentucky School for the Blind, the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the area technology centers.
- If you have great things happening in your district that you would like to share with educators across the state, please email our [Kentucky Teacher inbox](#).



Commissioner's Search Update

- The Kentucky Board of Education, with assistance from McPherson & Jacobson LLC, is seeking feedback from educators, administrators and education stakeholder groups as the search for a new education commissioner continues.
- The board needs thoughtful and candid input to ensure the voices of communities from across the Commonwealth are part of the search.
- Feedback can be submitted through the [Kentucky educators and administrators survey](#) or the [Kentucky education stakeholder survey](#).
- The survey, which closes Feb. 16, will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and all answers are anonymous.
- The job posting can be found on the [McPherson and Jacobson website](#) and on the [KDE 2023-2024 Commissioner of Education search website](#).
- The board's goal is to have a new education commissioner in place by July 1.



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Competitive Grants from KDE

FY24 Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Fund Mini-Grant

Grant applications due: March 19, by 4 p.m. ET

Award Amount: \$40,000

Matching Funds Requirement: No

Funding to support K-12 students in reaching proficiency in reading and writing through the purchase of high-quality instructional materials aligned to the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing*

FY24 Preschool Quality Partnership Grant

Grant applications due: March 22, by 4 p.m. ET

Award Amount: Up to \$300,000

Matching Funds Requirement: No

Funding to support full-day, high-quality early childhood services for 3- and 4-year-old preschool children. The goal is to expand access to or enhance the quality of existing programs to meet the unique and unmet needs of children and families in communities across the state.

More information about grants can be found on the [KDE Competitive Grants webpage](#) or by emailing jennifer.bryant@education.ky.gov.

Kentucky Students Chosen for 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program

- Seniors Ariel Fader of Ryle High School (Boone County) and Minhal Nazeer of Kentucky Country Day School (Jefferson County) were selected to be part of the national 104-student delegation of the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP).
- Fader and Nazeer also will each receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study from The Hearst Foundations.
- The students will represent Kentucky during the 62nd annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held March 2-9.
- Seniors Mollie Kate Webb of Barren County High School and Owen Graham Cody of McCracken County High School were chosen as alternates to the 2024 program.



KBE Accepting Nominations for 2024 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

- The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) is accepting nominations for the 2024 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education.
- Since 2004, the award has been given to an individual or group in Kentucky for outstanding leadership, commitment and service in promoting equity and opportunities to learn at high levels for all Kentucky students.
- The criteria for the Robinson Award includes, but is not limited to:
 - Successful efforts in closing socioeconomic and/or racial achievement gaps; and
 - Significantly improving student learning, student achievement or other measured outcomes among students of color or economically disadvantaged students.
- Nominations, which will be accepted through Jan. 19, can be made through the [2024 Samuel Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education Google form](#).



Applications Open for USED's 2024-2025 School Ambassador Fellowship Program

- Launched in 2007, the School Ambassador Fellowship is designed to improve the outcomes for students nationwide by leveraging the voices of outstanding school-based practitioners to inform the U.S. Department of Education (USED) on a range of national education policy issues.
- Ideal candidates can demonstrate that they have made significant contributions to student learning and culture throughout their professional careers. They promote excellence in education through their collaboration and leadership. Further, School Ambassador Fellows demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate with a variety of education stakeholders both internal and external to the USED.
- The deadline to apply is Feb. 5 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- For additional information about the fellowship, please visit the [School Ambassador Fellowship program webpage](#).
- Read more about the [School Ambassador Fellowship program on Kentucky Teacher](#).

KDE Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to Kentucky's Carl D. Perkins State Plan

- The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act was first authorized by the federal government in 1984 and reauthorized most recently in 2018 as the Strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE) for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).
- Perkins law requires each eligible agency to develop a four-year state plan and submit it for approval to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education.
- The state plan must address a variety of information related to the plan's development and consultation strategies, the implementation of CTE programs and programs of study, accountability and performance measures, as well as other required federal assurances.
- The proposed amendments to Kentucky's State Perkins V State Plan are located on [KDE's Perkins V Accountability webpage](#).
- The public comment period runs through Feb. 12.
- [Read more about the Perkins public comment period on Kentucky Teacher](#)



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2024 Regular Session

General Schedule

- The 2024 regular session began on Jan. 2
- Last day for new House bills is Feb. 26, for the Senate, Feb. 28
- The veto recess is March 29 through April 9
- The final two legislative days (#29 & 30) are April 12 and 15 (sine die).
- The Regular Session Calendar can be found here:
https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/24RS_Calendar.pdf

Committees

- Education Committees and Appropriations and Revenue Committees are of the most interest
- All are streamed live via the [KET \(Kentucky Educational Television\) feed](#) or [LRC's YouTube channel](#).
- Full committee schedule is available here:
https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/24RS_Standing_Schedule.pdf

Budget Process

- Governor's proposal is HB 114
- House has yet to file theirs – should drop any day
- Governor has line-item veto power in the budget bill
 - Which can be overridden with a simple majority vote in each chamber.

Senate Bills of Interest

- SB 8: Kentucky Board of Education elected instead of appointed
- SB 11: Amends KRS 610.345 to require notice to schools prior to filing of a public offense petition against a child in certain cases
- SB 18: Changes to school bus specs
- SB 38: Free feminine hygiene products for elementary and secondary students
- SB 52: Artificial intelligence in education
- SB 93: Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging
- SB 95: Requires public schools ... to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student

House Bills of Interest

- HB 36: Student resiliency and well-being
- HB 41: Immunization
- HB 51: Parental rights regarding surveys, examinations, RFID
- HB 108: Accountability related to English learners
- HB 119: Allows participation in a public school interscholastic extracurricular activity by an at-home private school student
- HB 162: Numeracy
- HB 191: Relating to materials, programs or events alleged to be harmful to minors
- HB 208: Constitutional amendment related to school funding
- HB 225: Education clean-up bill
- HB 227: Provides a merger process for contiguous school districts
- HB 245: Removes expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship

Property Tax Bills

- SB 23: Constitutional amendment – homestead exemption
- SB 58: Allows any registered voter who resides in the district to file a petition
- SB 59: Constitutional amendment to provide the General Assembly the authority to exempt all or a portion of any class of property from taxation, or eliminate all or a portion of any tax and the related provisions of that tax
- SB 69: Makes property tax rate that will produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, more than 4% over the amount of revenue produced by the compensating tax rate to be subject to recall
- HB 61: Relating to the property tax homestead exemption
- HB 62: Constitutional amendment to remove the \$6,500 homestead exemption amount for property taxation and provide the General Assembly the authority to set the amount of the homestead exemption
- HB 111: Constitutional amendment – homestead exemption
- HB 112: Property values related to the homestead exemption
- HB 147: Voter approval of local property tax rate levies

Legislative Priorities

Additional Budget Requests (ABRs) including:

- Increase SEEK Base and SEEK Transportation
 - 8% increase in per pupil base guarantee for inflationary increases in the costs of school district operations.
 - Fully fund pupil transportation for all school districts
- Universal Preschool
 - Funding for at-risk 3- and all 4-year-olds to attend state-funded preschool.
- Education Workforce Supports
 - New Teacher Internships, GoTeachKY, Educators Rising, PRAXIS Reimbursement and Mentorship, Educator Leadership Support, and High-Quality Professional Learning
- Kentucky Educational Recovery Fund
 - Provide school improvement services to more schools, specifically Targeted Support and Improvement schools.
- Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS)
 - Maintain and sustain education technology enabled products and services.
- Read to Succeed
 - Additional literacy coaches to provide training and support to teachers, schools and districts.

Legislative Priorities, Continued

- **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Formula Proposal**
 - Revise distribution formula to create equity for every CTE student and program in the Commonwealth, leverage federal CTE dollars and incentivize indicators of high-quality CTE that are important to workforce development
 - Draft bill finished and shared
 - Sponsors lined up for both chambers
- **Kentucky State Schools - KSB and KSD**
 - Support for Kentucky's state schools -- including the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) -- to ensure sustained services for these special student populations
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Funding Changes**
 - Additional flexibility to the funds appropriated for AP tests to provide additional services to students and teachers with funds not expended on tests.
- **Statutory Clean-up**
 - Language provided to a potential bill sponsor
- **Facilities**
 - Codify HB 678 (2022RS) to make permanent district flexibilities and provide predictability for facility processes
 - Amend KRS 162.060 to provide districts with final design plan approval authority
 - Draft apparently in progress

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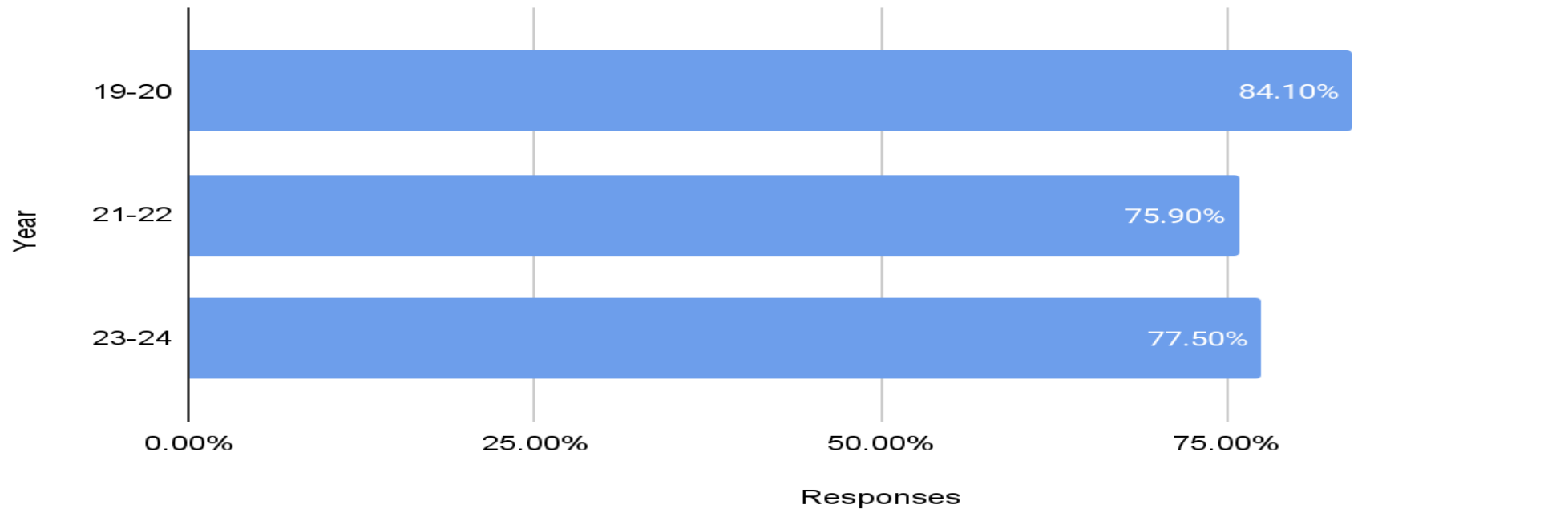


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Statewide Overview

- 3rd Administration of the Impact Survey (2019 – 2024)

Response Percents by Year



Grade Span Representation

Grade Span Taught	2021	2023	# Change	% Change
PreK-3	13,042	13,784	+742	+5.7%
4-5	5,344	5,547	+203	+3.8%
6-8	8,247	8,041	-206	-2.5%
9-12	10,238	10,832	+594	+5.8%
Subgroup with No Data	1,323	1,202	-121	-9.1%

Topic Level Overview

Topic	% Change Since 2021-2022
Staff-Leadership Relationships	+2
Education All Students	+3
School Leadership	+3
Managing Student Behavior	+1
School Climate	+3
Professional Learning	+3
Feedback & Coaching	+3
Emotional Well-Being & Belonging	+7
Resources	+1

Release Information

- Jan. 30
 - Superintendents receive access to results from Panorama with ability to download into a PDF and share with administrators.
- Feb. 6
 - Public link will be open for public access to the results.

District Support

Getting Started with Impact Kentucky Results (District and School Leaders and School-Based Users)

- Thursday, Feb. 22, 10:15-11:45 a.m. ET
- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 3:30-5 p.m. ET

Impact Kentucky: From Inquiry to Impact (District and School Leaders and School-Based Users)

- Monday, March 4, 2024, 3:30-5 p.m. ET
- Thursday, March 14, 2024, 10:15-11:45 a.m. ET

Kentucky Educational Careers Attrition Survey Update

- HB 319 (2023) KRS 160.382
 - In July, Superintendents received a link to share with the appropriate contact to share with any employee voluntarily leaving a position.
- To maintain anonymity and for statistical significance, KDE has not received enough responses to provide a statewide analysis.
- Districts with <10 responses may fill out a request form and receive responses.

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2-4 p.m. ET



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