

The background of the slide 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 colorful balloons. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the top right of the image, serving as a background for the main text.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Advisory Committee

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE)

December 6, 2024



Welcome

Harmony Little, Chair

Greetings

Robbie Fletcher, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education

Approval of minutes from May 2, 2024, meeting

Harmony Little, Chair

OCTE Staffing Updates

Beth Hargis, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner

New Staff

Lauren Graves – Policy Advisor

Esti Stith – Assistant Data Manager

Amy Tracy – Interim Data Manager

Lori Looney – Data and Investment Branch Manager

Chris Smith – New Teacher Institute (NTI) Director

Barry Bond - Manufacturing Program Consultant

Engineering Program Consultant

Construction Program Consultant

Position Changes

Chris Smith – NTI Director

Amy Tracy – Interim Data Manager

Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer

Council Makeup for Year 2

- ~45 members who meet collectively at least twice a year
- Penny Christian, Council Chair
 - National PTA Committee Chair
- Jim Flynn, Council Vice Chair
 - Executive Director of Kentucky Association of School Superintendents
- Karen Dodd, Council Lead
 - Chief Performance Officer at KDE

KENTUCKY UNITED WE LEARN COUNCIL'S: JOURNEY TO THE MOON

“To build a prosperous Kentucky, we will launch an accountability system that is meaningful and useful to all our learners.”

Goal:
Approved Reimagined
Accountability System

SUMMER 2026



Legislative Awareness

SUMMER 2024

SUMMER 2024



Council Recommends
Accountability
Model to
*KDE

FALL 2024

FALL 2024

Council and
*KDE
Recommend
Model to
**KBE

WINTER 2024

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Accountability
Model to
*KDE

SPRING 2025

Engage
General
Assembly



SUMMER 2025



October Convening Update

- Data was shared from the prototype 4.0 survey.
 - Local Accountability: District Presentations from Shelby, Greenup, Fleming
 - Assessment
 - State Accountability
 - Federal Accountability
 - Reporting
- Sarah Snipes shared out the 36 district focus group data.
- On Day 2, we broke into groups to discuss the current system, proposed changes, and what those changes might look like.
- KDE and its partners will draft a [framework](#), informed by survey data and council feedback, to be shared with council members in November.

Next Steps for the Kentucky United We Learn Council

- Virtual Meeting on Nov. 20 for members to provide feedback on draft framework
- Draft framework will be shared with the Kentucky Board of Education at their December meeting
- Townhall meetings to be conducted in January 2025

Discussion Question

- How do you understand and assess whether schools are truly equipping students with the skills and knowledge they need to confidently pursue their career goals or higher education opportunities in their chosen fields?

We need your help!

Please use [this link](#) to share the feedback form with others.

Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps (JROTC) National Pilot Program

Col. (Ret.) Tim McDonald
Director of Army Instruction (JROTC)

Director of Army Instruction (DAI) (JROTC) Office Overview

- ❑ **Mission:** Provide JROTC program oversight, and administrative/logistics management through organized supervision for military matters, approved educational instruction and integrated systemic processes. Serve as the primary Kentucky representative and advocate in JROTC matters.
- ❑ **Purpose:** Enhance all JROTC programs via state level leadership and regionally aligned partnerships with the U.S. Military Services, KDE, local administrators, educators, organizations and communities.
- ❑ **Key Tasks:**
 - Regulatory oversight/compliance via JROTC Program Accreditations (JPA), and processes for KY JROTC programs.
 - Assist schools with recruiting, selecting and retaining the most qualified JROTC Instructor candidates
 - Serve as primary Point of Contact for Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (POC for SROTC) partnerships, JROTC planning/operations, curriculum and state level coordinator.

Director of Army Instruction (JROTC) Initiatives

- Increased JROTC oversight In Coordination With the United States Army Cadet Command (ICW USACC) Inspector General
- Hometown instructor initiative In Coordination With (ICW) the KY Army National Guard (KYARNG)
- JROTC STEM Academy...robotics, drones and cyber.
- Increased collaboration between KDE, local administrators, SROTCs, KYARNG and U.S. Armed Services JROTC reps.
- Increase SROTC and JROTC Partnerships
- Increased National Credential certification...Federal grants
- High quality instructor recruitment and retention
- Work based learning internship assessment for seniors
- Implementation of Department of Defense (DoD) Form 3203 JROTC Student Code of Conduct and Parent Consent Form (English and Spanish)

Director of Army Instruction (JROTC) Partnerships and Opportunities

- ❑ Annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) at Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center and Blue Grass Army Depot.
- ❑ Area Technical Center JROTC programs offer great opportunity for increased student participation.
- ❑ DoD SkillBridge provides Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs), Warrant Officers (Wos) and officers the opportunity to work with the KY DAI Office or as high school instructors.
- ❑ 23 JROTC Instructor vacancies across Kentucky.

Director of Army Instruction (JROTC)

NEW JROTC Instructor Eligibility

- Retired Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reservists
- Individuals who have honorably separated with at least 10 years of service and no more than five years of separation time
- Have an associate degree or higher
- Rank requirements: staff sergeant to sergeant major, warrant officers and captain to colonel.
- Active guardsmen and reservists with a letter of recommendation from their command
- Along with the changes in instructor eligibility, a new pay model has been implemented to account for non-retiree JROTC instructors, with pay now based on rank, education level, type of position and school location. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Standardized Instructor Pay Scale (JSIPS).

Questions and Feedback



Scheduling of Spring 2025 Meeting Date

Harmony Little, Chair

Reflection and Adjournalment

Harmony Little, Chair