

March SBDM Coordinator Update Sessions

During March, seven SBDM Coordinator Update Sessions were held in various locations across the state. One hundred fifteen individual districts sent representatives and were re-endorsed as SBDM trainers for their districts.

Also re-endorsed were seventeen individuals from partnering organizations. This updated list is now posted on the KDE [website](#).

Over the next few months, the SBDM Newsletter will address specific issues that were raised during the update sessions where we are researching the response.

Just a few reminders: All of the materials on the thumb drive given at the sessions are now uploaded on the KDE [website](#).

For those unable to attend any of the sessions offered during March: At this time an online training has not been scheduled. This is mostly due to being short-staffed at the present. Our thoughts are to offer a LYNC session in late May-early June as well as a new coordinator session in late July. However, dates have not been formalized. Please watch the newsletters and emails for updates.

Legislative Update

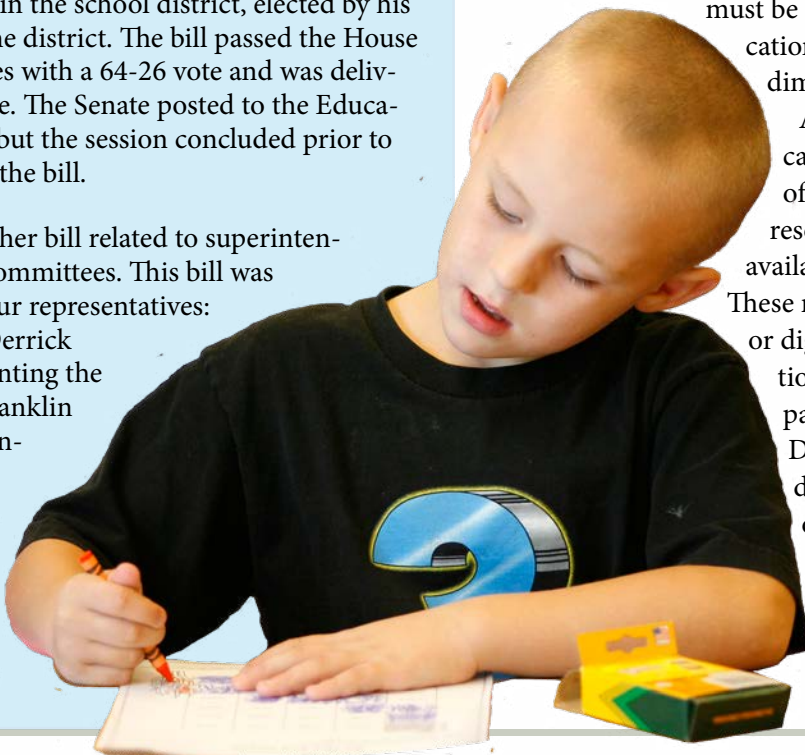
As part of each of the SBDM Coordinator sessions in March, a legislative update was presented. However, at the time of each of the sessions, the General Assembly was still meeting. Since then, the 2015 Legislative Session has concluded. The following is an update on a few of the bills that the SBDM team at KDE was watching and their status.

- HB 204 was a bill introduced by 75th District (Fayette County) Representative Kelly Flood. The bill proposed to amend KRS 160.352 to include as part of a superintendent screening committee one member of the district's equity council, (if the district has an equity council). The bill also allowed the screening committee membership to include one high school student enrolled in the school district, elected by his or her peers in the district. The bill passed the House of Representatives with a 64-26 vote and was delivered to the Senate. The Senate posted to the Education Committee but the session concluded prior to consideration of the bill.
- HB 236 was another bill related to superintendent screening committees. This bill was introduced by four representatives: Representative Derrick Graham, representing the 57th district in Franklin County; Representative Linda Belcher, representing the 49th district in Bullitt Coun-

KRS 158.102 Requires ALL Schools to Employ a Library Media Specialist

Just a reminder to all schools, school councils and SBDM Coordinators: Each school must employ a school media librarian. This person must hold appropriate media library certification [KRS 158.102(2)(a)]. Within the same statute is the purpose for employing a certified media librarian for a school: The board of education for each local school district shall establish and maintain a library media center in every elementary and secondary school to promote information literacy and technology in the curriculum, and to facilitate teaching, student achievement, and lifelong learning [KRS 158.102(1)]. In order to meet the intent in the statute, the school media librarian must be employed during the school year to work alongside teachers and students. This position must be allocated with the May 1 allocations. The school council cannot diminish or abolish this position.

A school's library media center can be defined as a collection of sources of information and resources that are accessible and available for reference or borrowing. These resources can be physical and/or digital and may include a collection of books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, documents, CDs, DVDs, e-books, audiobooks and databases along with multiple other formats. A school's library media center is much more than that room where teachers take students for 30 to 45-minutes



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ty; Representative Cluster Howard, representing the 91st district consisting of Breathitt, Lee, Estill, Owsley and Madison Counties; and Representative Dean Schamore, representing the 10th district consisting of Breckinridge, Hancock and Hardin Counties. This bill included the same language that would allow one high school student enrolled in the school district, elected by his or her peers in the district, to serve on a superintendent screening committee. The bill also included two amendments: one relating to the use of restrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms by persons of the opposite biological gender and the other relating to student rights of free religious and political expression within the context of written and oral assignments. The bill passed the House of Representatives as amended 88-5 and was delivered to the Senate. The Senate posted the bill to the Education Committee where it was received favorably; however, no other movement with the bill occurred prior to the end of the session.

- SB 132 originated in the Senate and was introduced by Senator Dan “Malano” Seum representing the 38th district consisting of Bullitt and Jefferson Counties. This bill allowed a school superintendent to select a principal (if a vacancy occurs) if the school has been identified as a Focus School. The bill passed the Senate, with an amendment that deleted the development of a regulation process, with a vote of 28-6. The bill was posted to the House of Representatives’ Education Committee where it was received favorably. The House, in turn, added amendments that added a process for an external audit of the school as well as a provision to remove the principal and the school council authority. The bill was posted as regular orders of the day; however, no other movement with the bill occurred prior to the end of the session.

Several other bills and resolutions were monitored during the 2015 General Assembly. Most often, those bills did not make it to a full floor vote. Below is a link to view all of the legislation that occurred during the 2015 General Assembly.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/record.htm>

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once a week. With that, a school’s media librarian needs to be much more than that teacher who checks books in and out when students are assigned library time in the master schedule.

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has developed a rubric to assist districts, schools, school principals and school councils in analyzing and in improving their library media programs.

The Library Media Program Rubric is a planning tool for librarians, principals, and school councils to use together to

move forward.

It guides not only identification of areas for growth but helps set the goals for the program within the overall school’s goals. The rubric is located on KDE’s [Website](#).

Additional Resources

[Wellness Policy Implementation](#)

[Councils for Better Education](#)

[Council for Better Education Reports](#)

FAQ’s

Q: Can a board member’s relative serve on the SBDM council as a parent representative?

A: Yes, a board member is not a district employee; therefore, a relative (other than the spouse) is eligible to serve as a parent on a school council.

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