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## **THREE-QUARTERS OF EDUCATORS COMPLETE TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – By the third week of the TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Survey, more than three-quarters of Kentucky's school-based educators had completed the survey of school working conditions. The survey, which is now in its fourth week, runs through Friday.

Seventy-eight percent of the school-based certified educators eligible to participate had finished the survey by March 23, for a total of 45,326 educators who had completed the survey.

Twenty districts had reached 100 percent participation and 1,211 schools had met or exceeded the 50 percent minimum response rate to receive their school's results.

The TELL Kentucky Survey is designed to find out about a number of school topics – including the adequacy of facilities and resources; time; empowerment; school leadership; community support; student conduct; professional development; mentoring and induction services; and student learning – from those on the front line of teaching and learning. The results of the survey will be used by educators, shareholders and policymakers to make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student achievement and increase teacher retention. The half-hour, web-based survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential.

To encourage greater participation in the TELL Kentucky Survey, the Kentucky Education Association, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Center for Education Leadership, Jefferson County Teachers Association and the Kentucky School Boards Association contributed prize money for weekly drawings to be held throughout the period in which the survey is open.

Every school that reaches a 50 percent response rate is entered into a drawing for a \$500 cash award for the school's use. Schools that reach a 100 percent response rate are entered into a drawing for a \$500 cash award to go to an individual educator at the school, who may use the prize how he or she wishes. No public monies are used for prize drawings.

The third week's winners are:

- School: Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Bowling Green Independent

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- Educator: Carissa Poston, Butler County High School, Butler County

The second week's winners were:

- School: Breathitt County Area Technology Center
- Educator: Jaymie Ross, Jennie Rogers Elementary (Danville Independent)

The first week's winners were:

- School: Roby Elementary School (Bullitt County)
- Educator: Amy Bolar, Flemingsburg Elementary (Fleming County)

School and district completion rates are posted on the TELL Kentucky website at [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

This is the fourth time the TELL Survey has been administered in Kentucky. In 2015, more than 89 percent of the eligible educators took the online survey.

The 2017 TELL Kentucky Survey is open through March 31 to all school-based, Kentucky-certified educators employed in the state's 173 school districts and state Area Technology Centers.

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