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## **STLP REGIONAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT STUDENT TECH SKILLS**

(Frankfort, Ky.) – Over the next several weeks, more than 7,000 Kentucky students will demonstrate their innovative ideas and technological savvy at regional events as part of the Kentucky Department of Education’s Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). Marking four consecutive years of substantial growth, the 2017 STLP Regionals are proudly welcoming an additional 1,000 registered participants to this year’s events.

STLP uses project-based learning to empower learning and achievement through the student-led creation of technology-based solutions to classroom, school and community needs. STLP students create projects, products or services as part of the program and demonstrate their learning by competing in various event categories, including instructional, technical or community service projects; digital content creation such as digital art, photography, design, programming, app development and robotics; and technical services, like student help desk, and network engineering.

Students from 111 districts and more than 460 schools (a 10 percent increase from 2016) have registered to attend the eight regional showcases throughout November and December. During regionals, teams of K-12 students present their projects to volunteer judges, who then determine whether the teams will earn an invitation to compete at the STLP State Championship in the spring. If invited, they will continue to develop and implement their projects throughout the school year, taking into consideration the judges’ comments.

The public is invited to attend the showcases, which are open from 10 a.m. to noon local time. Students will display their projects during that time and be on hand to answer questions about them.

### **STLP Regional Showcase Dates and Locations**

November 2	Murray State University Showcase, Curris Center
November 6	Morehead State University
November 9	University of Kentucky (at Lexington Convention Center)
November 17	University of Louisville, Student Activities Center
November 20	Northern Kentucky University, Student Union
November 29	The Center for Rural Development, Somerset
December 4	Western Kentucky University, Diddle Arena
December 7	East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville

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STLP taps into the students' interests and challenges and motivates them to explore new ways of learning while helping their school and community. KDE's Office of Education Technology (OET) sponsors STLP events to spotlight what students can do with the access and opportunity to utilize technology for learning. STLP highlights the creative, logical and often entrepreneurial talents of students across the Commonwealth.

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