Kentucky Consolidated Monitoring Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q: What is the purpose of consolidated monitoring?**
   A: The consolidated monitoring process was developed in 2011-12 to reduce the number of visits and interruptions in the school districts served by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Instead of receiving individual visits from the nine participating programs at different intervals throughout the school year, school districts now receive a single visit with all programs present.

2. **Q: How long does a KDE consolidated monitoring trip last?**
   A: It is generally three full days (7.5 hours a day). For larger districts the visit may take up to five days and for small districts the visit has taken one or two days. The average district should plan on KDE being there for three days.

3. **Q: What programs participate in consolidated monitoring?**
   A: All of the title programs (Title I, II, III, IV, V), Preschool services, and Alternative Education Programs.

4. **Q: How does KDE determine what school districts are monitored?**
   A: KDE uses a risk assessment tool developed using the Uniform Grant Guidance regulations regarding monitoring with particular input from 200.519.

5. **Q: How many districts does KDE select to monitor?**
   A: In typical years the number is 10.

6. **Q: When are districts selected?**
   A: Usually toward the end of September or beginning of October.

7. **Q: When will districts know they have been selected?**
   A: Letters to the district superintendent generally go out the second week of October which should give districts at least two months to prepare for the monitoring visit. Extenuating circumstances could force an earlier or later release date for these letters.

8. **Q: Do you only monitor school districts through consolidated monitoring?**
   A: No. Eight programs make up the consolidated effort. A consolidated monitoring visit (all eight programs) is conducted from roughly January 10th to May 1st and includes only the districts selected. However, all nine programs that participate in consolidated monitoring may monitor any school district at any time if necessary.

9. **Q: How does the public know how any particular monitoring visit went?**
   A: KDE publishes a final report that is sent to the school district and posted to the KDE website. You can find these reports on the Statewide Consolidated Monitoring Process webpage.