



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)
SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Carrie Ballinger, Thom Cochran, Robbie Fletcher, Michael Ford, David Gilliam, Barry Lee, Matthew Madding, Charles Morton, Patrick Richardson, Tim Spencer, Robert Tuck, Leonard Whalen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Bechanan, Buddy Berry, Joe Buerkley, Robin Cochran, Damien Johnson, Bob Lawson, Misty Middleton, Chad Molley, Marty Pollio, Shari Satterly, Seth Southard

Agenda Item: United We Learn Update

Presenters: Susan Strange, Strategic Plan Program Manager, Strategic Planning and Research, Office of the Commissioner; Sarah Snipes, Program Manager, Division of Innovative Learning, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support; Thomas Williams, Ph.D., Early Learning Assistant Administrator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning; and Alisha Reeves, Early Learning Assistant Administrator, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: Superintendents were provided information on the United We Learn Council meeting that occurred in early November. The council focused on its key three ideas – students, innovation and community. Through this focus, the council’s moonshot vision of a meaningful and useful accountability system was drafted. Updates on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Early Learning initiatives and connections to United We Learn were shared including mitigating the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on our youngest students, innovative project supports for students and staff, and increased engagement with family and community stakeholders.

Agenda Item: Overview of Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK), Superintendent Annual Attendance Report (SAAR) and Growth Factor

Presenter: Chay Ritter, Division Director, Division of District Support, Office of Finance and Operations; Jessica Carlton, Assistant Director, Division of District Support, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion: Jessica shared that the Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report (SAAR) provides year-end attendance information used to calculate the school district's enrollment, membership, average daily membership (ADM), percent of attendance, home and hospital ADA, and adjusted average daily attendance (AADA). All information is reported by the school, grade level and by transportation code. Chay joined the council with updates on SEEK

funding. There was a clear focus on data quality and its importance as “correct data maximizes funding.” As data quality improves, so does the likelihood of receiving funding.

Agenda Item: Non-athletic Event-Specific Plans

Presenter: Jim Tackett, Project Director, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion: Jim Tackett joined the SAC members to give an overview of House Bill 331 (2023). The bill concerns Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and their rules and requirements for use in schools and at school functions. The bill requires a district emergency plan to include written cardiac emergency response plan, including location of AEDs provided to all school staff, reviewed annually by school nurse, school council, principal and first responders and a cardiac response plan rehearsed by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic season by licensed athletic trainers, school nurses and athletic directors, interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches. By Aug. 1 of each year, districts must report to Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) the number of AEDs. By Oct. 1 of each year, KDE must publish the number of AEDs on its website and report this information to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services.

Next Meeting:

Feb. 21, 2024