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# Superintendents Webcast

Tuesday, April 18, 2023



Kentucky Department of  
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# Agenda

## Welcome

*Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner*

## KDE Updates

*Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Chief of Communications*

## Kentucky Board of Education Update

*Lu S. Young, Ed.D., Chair, Kentucky Board of Education*

## Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs: Tuition Waiver Process

*Whitney Allen Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs*

*Stephen Buford, Director, Benefits Division*

*Silas Session Sr., Executive Director, Office of Kentucky Veteran Services*

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## Assessment Update

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## Question and Answer Session

*KDE Leadership*

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**Important Dates: Next Webcast is May 9 from western Kentucky!**

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# KDE Updates

Toni Konz Tatman

KDE Chief Communications Officer



# KDE Announces New Educator Recognition Program

- Recommendations for the **Kentucky Exemplary Educators Program (KEEP)** will be accepted via the [online KEEP recommendation form](#) through May 30, 2023.
- Individuals may recommend up to three certified teachers, teacher specialists, assistant and/or principals currently serving in Kentucky public schools for the program.
- Individuals should demonstrate:
  - Exceptional educational talent;
  - Exemplary educational accomplishments and leadership beyond the classroom;
  - Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community; and
  - Strong, long-range potential for professional and policy leadership.



*For more information, email [GlyptusAnn Grider Jones](mailto:GlyptusAnn.Grider.Jones@kde.ky.gov), KDE Awards and Recognition Coordinator.*



# Competitive Grants from KDE

## Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Fund

Grant Applications Due: April 25, 2023, at 4 p.m. ET

Award Amount: \$40,000 one-time award

Matching Funds Requirement: No

## Stronger Connections Grant

Grant Applications Due: May 15, 2023, at 4 p.m. ET

Award Amount: Varies by student population served, \$300,000 – \$3 million

Matching Funds Requirement: No

Recordings of the technical assistance trainings for these grants are posted on the [KDE competitive grants webpage](#).

# KBE Accepting Nominations for 2023 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

- The Kentucky Board of Education is accepting nominations for the 2023 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education.
- The award is given each year to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization to honor outstanding dedication to improving achievement for students with disabilities.
- The award is named in honor of the late Johnnie Grissom, a longtime Kentucky Department of Education employee who provided steadfast commitment, service and leadership as she strived to help all students with disabilities achieve at high levels.
- The nomination deadline is May 19. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination should use [the 2023 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education nomination form](#). The winner will be announced in August.



# Kentucky School for the Deaf Brings in Alumni, Special Guests for Bicentennial Celebration

- Founded on April 10, 1823, the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) was the first state-supported school of its kind in the U.S. It also is only the fourth school specifically for Deaf children in the country's history.
- On April 14, the school hosted alumni and current students for a series of events to mark the bicentennial. The morning started with a special guest panel of KSD alumni, including an Olympian, a former CIA agent and the oldest surviving alum who went to KSD in the 1940s.
- The group also opened a time capsule that was buried by students by a tree in front of Kerr Hall in 1998.
- [Read more about the bicentennial celebration on Kentucky Teacher.](#)





# Kentucky School for the Deaf Gala

- The Kentucky School for the Deaf held its Bicentennial Gala on April 15 in celebration of the school's 200th anniversary.





# Kentucky Board of Education Update

Lu S. Young, Ed.D., Chair



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# April 2023 Regular Meeting - Action Items

- Alternative School Based Decision-Making Council applications
- Perkins V State Plan budget
- Henry County District Facility Plan waiver
- Kentucky minimum specifications for school buses



# April 2023 Regular Meeting - Review Items

- Vibrant student experiences in literacy
- Kentucky United We Learn Council and CGSA Grant update
- Legislative update
- 2024-2026 biennial budget discussion





# A Focus on School Safety: Commissioner's Student Advisory Council Presentation

Members of the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council independently researched and developed a list of recommendations to legislators and education stakeholders in three categories: before, during and after a school safety incident.



# KBE Learning Agenda

- Creation of KBE Special Committees to explore other areas of the Inclusive Learner Experience
- Focus on sense-making and coherence
- Connect with existing KDE initiatives and partners
- Prepare report for June 2023 release



# 2023 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

Congratulations to our  
winner!

**Melanie House**

Jefferson County Public Schools





# Looking Ahead

KBE Regular Meeting  
June 6-7, 2023

Frankfort, KY





# Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs

## KY Tuition Waiver Process

# Agenda

**Opening Remarks**

Whitney P. Allen Jr., Commissioner, KDVA

**Tuition Waiver Description**

**Tuition Waiver Eligibility**

**KRSs**

**Required Documentation**

**Point of Contact**

Stephen E. Buford, Benefits Division Director

# KY Tuition Waiver

- State benefit
- [www.veterans.ky.gov](http://www.veterans.ky.gov)
- May be used in conjunction with Chapter 35 (federal benefit)
- For dependents of eligible veterans
- 45 months of tuition waived at Kentucky state-funded college or university
  - Does not include books, fees, room/board
  - Expires upon receipt of degree or certificate
  - Expires when child turns 26 (active duty exception possible)

# Waiver Eligibility

- Veteran must be Kentucky resident or died in Kentucky
  - KRS 164.505 - Unlimited tuition waiver
  - KRS 164.507 - 45 months/Age limited
  - KRS 164.512 - Unlimited waiver for disabled child
  - KRS 164.515 – Veteran disabled not 100% S/C but receiving NSCP
- Deceased veteran
  - Active duty death
  - Service-connected death
  - Deceased wartime veteran
  - 100% at time of death
- Living veteran
  - 100% service connected or IU (P & T not required)
  - Receiving non- service-connected pension



# KRS 164.505

- Unlimited waiver
  - No degree limit
  - No age limit
  - Still restricted to Kentucky-funded schools
- Eligibility
  - Veteran joined military from Kentucky
  - Veteran died in Kentucky or on active duty
  - Veteran's death was service-connected

# KRS 164.507

- 45 months of training
  - Upon completion of 1 degree
  - 26 years old age limit
  - No age limited for un-remarried widow/widower
  - Still restricted to Kentucky-funded schools
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- Eligibility
    - Veteran joined military from Kentucky
    - Veteran died in Kentucky or on active duty
    - Veteran's death was service-connected

# KRS 164.512

- Unlimited waiver for disabled child of veteran
  - No degree limit
  - No age limit
  - Still restricted to Kentucky funded schools
- Eligibility
  - Veteran is a Kentucky resident
  - Child's disability directly related to veteran's service

# KRS 164.515

- 45 months of training
- Upon completion of 1 degree
- 26 years old age limit
- No age limited for spouse
- Still restricted to Kentucky funded schools
  
- Eligibility
  - Veteran is P/T disabled for pension purposes
  - Veteran joined military from Kentucky
  - Veteran died in Kentucky or on active duty
  - Veteran's death was service-connected

# Required Documentation

- **DD214** - Character of discharge, point of entry into service, wartime service
- **DD1300** – Verification of death on active duty, point of entry into service
- **Marriage license** – Dependency, residency
- **Birth certificate** – Dependency, residency
- **Adoption papers** – Dependency, residency
- **Death certificate** – Date and cause of death, residency at time of death
- **DIC award letter** – Service connection of death
- **VA rating decision** – Service-connected disabilities, pension eligibility
- **VA award letter** – Service-connected disabilities, pension eligibility
- **Tax documents, driver's license, utility bill** – Residency

*All applications must now include an e-mail address.*

## KY Tuition Waiver Coordinator

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**Veteran Education Benefits**





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# Area Technology Center (ATC) Salaries

- **KRS 156:808 (6) (e)**: Supplementary information for the salary schedule for certified and equivalent staff including teachers, counselors, administrators, managers and educational consultants in state-operated vocational technical facilities, field offices and central office in the Office of Career and Technical Education that shall provide uniformity, recognition of education, teaching, and supervisory experience and **use as a base the average salary paid to beginning classroom teachers by all public schools in the state for personnel with comparable qualifications and experience**. Indexes may be incorporated in the compensation plan for administrative responsibilities. The salary schedule shall be computed annually, and shall be submitted to and approved by the governor.

# ATC Programming Structure

- KRS 157.069 (1) (a): “Secondary area technology center” or “secondary area center” means a school facility dedicated to the primary purpose of offering five (5) or more technical preparation programs that lead to skill development focused on specific occupational areas.

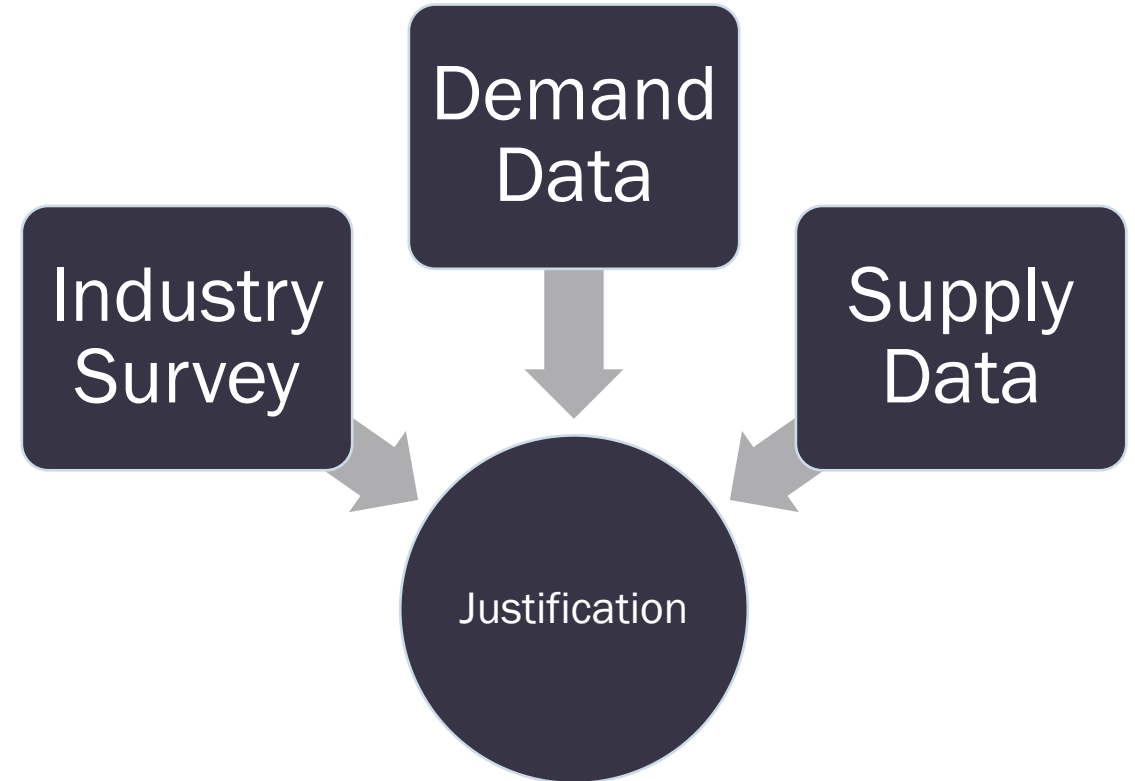
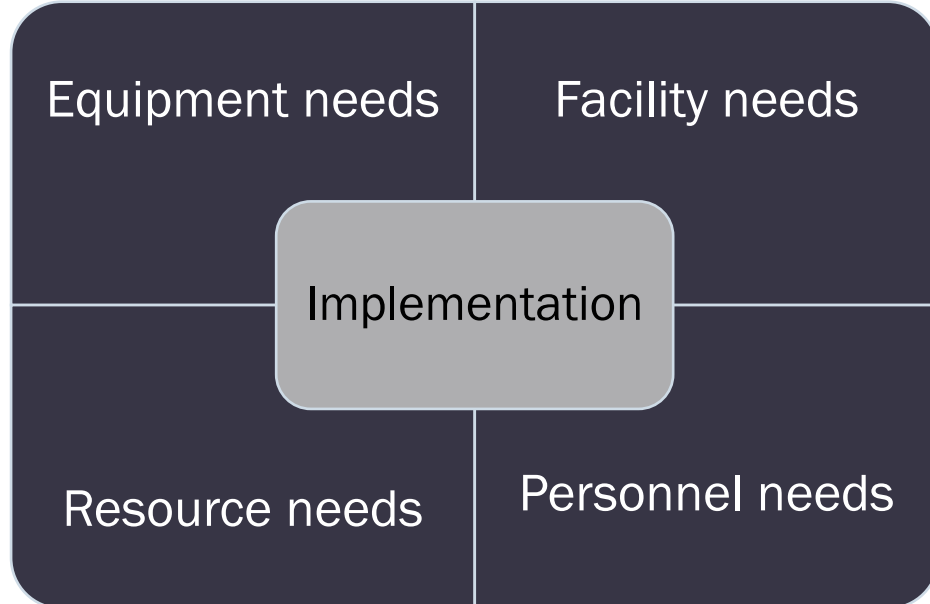
# ATC Program Closures

- KY Tech Policy 8.1 — “A program with a STR of 12.5 or less will be flagged for closure” with the program notified via letter by Dec. 30.
  - Establish Program Improvement Committee
  - The flag period will remain in place through May 1 of the next school year.
  - If the program obtains a 12.5 STR following the flagging period, the program must sustain 12.5 STR for five (5) consecutive years.
  - If the program does not sustain above a 12.5 STR, the Associate Commissioner will, upon consultation with the Program Improvement Committee, make the determination for closure.



# ATC Program Additions

- New Program Viability Study



# ATC Budgets

Fiscal Year 22 – \$44,020,454



# Work-Based Learning for Postsecondary Readiness

- In May, a data collection system will be available for hours of on-the-job work experience associated with cooperative and internship courses within Infinite Campus. Results will be used by the Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) to indicate students' career readiness and will be reported in the next state public release of accountability data.
- KBE and KDE are working to establish minimum criteria for approval of a cooperative or internship that is not offered as a high school course. Further guidance will be provided to districts once the Local Superintendents Advisory Council has provided input and an approval process has been established.



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# Kentucky United We Learn Council Update

Karen Dodd, KDE Chief Performance Officer





# Purpose of the Kentucky United We Learn Council

The council was created to give a broad stakeholder voice to the process of learning in Kentucky. This will go along with the Kentucky United We Learn work already underway in the field. The council will evaluate and recommend strategic practice, policy and investment ideas to state policymakers and the citizens of Kentucky. The state commissioner of education and the council's chair will work with KDE staff, the KBE and, if necessary, the Kentucky General Assembly to respond to the United We Learn Council's recommendations.

# Council Makeup

- The United We Learn Council is made up of 75 members who meet collectively twice a year.
- Audrey Gilbert, interim chair
- Standing committees meet monthly
  - Vibrant Learning Experiences
  - Accelerating Innovation
  - Bold New Future

# Vibrant Learning Experiences (VLE) – Mar. 6

- VLE Chair Justin Dunning presented the committee with nomination and voting information regarding the election of a new Kentucky United We Learn Council chair and vice chair.
- The committee also discussed site visits, which was the group's most requested method of learning about vibrant student experiences. Members of the committee will have the opportunity to participate in site visits to Marshall County and Eminence Independent.
- In response to committee members' request to also learn from national organizations, Sarah McCann, project manager for The Canopy Project, joined the meeting to introduce members to The Canopy Project database as a resource for exploring innovative schools and practices across the U.S.

# Bold New Future – Mar. 7

- Chair Caleb Bates led the meeting, which focused on a general overview of the work required under various grants, specifically the Competitive Grants for State Assessments, and the role that partners such as KnowledgeWorks and statewide Kentucky partners have played and will play in this work.
- The meeting then transitioned to a discussion of the United We Learn report's themes and recommendations. Committee members discussed the importance of honoring the work that went into developing the report and ensuring the committee's work aligns to the spirit of its vision.

# Accelerating Innovation – Mar. 8

- Chair Kathy Stovall led the meeting and discussed the committee charter, which was finalized and adopted in a unanimous vote prior to the meeting.
- Committee members presented information they collected on assessment and accountability systems from inside and outside Kentucky.
- Following presentations, committee members considered design principles that originated from the research and discussed non-negotiables to be reflected in any future recommendations from the committee.
- Members discussed the habits of the Kentucky United We Learn Council, reciprocity, inclusion, empathy and co-creation.



# Communication and Next Steps

- Monthly newsletter
- [Kentucky United We Learn Council webpage](#)
- Kathy Stovall and Sarah Hatton presented their committee's work to the Kentucky Board of Education on April 12
- Spring convening - April 25-26 in Shelby County

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# Assessment Update

Rhonda Sims, KDE Associate Commissioner  
Jennifer Stafford, Ed.D., Director, KDE Office of  
Assessment and Accountability

# Upcoming Administrations

- Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment (AKSA) Window 2
  - Attainment Tasks (April 17- May 30)
  - Transition Attainment Record through May 30
- Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA)
  - Administered the last 14 days of the district calendars

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# KSA and AKSA Support and Resources

# KSA Office Hours

Office hours are times when test administrators can meet with testing vendors and KDE representatives to discuss specific questions or issues.

- **KSA Office Hour Session 1** was held Wednesday, April 12
- **KSA Office Hour Session 2** – Friday, April 28, 10-11 a.m. ET
- **KSA Office Hour Session 3** – Wednesday, May 17, 10-11 a.m. ET
- **Agenda**
  - Pearson Demonstration/Tutorial in PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup>
  - Q & A (Open to all questions related to PAN, TestNav and KSA Administration)



# KSA Resources

- [KY | Released Items \(mypearsonsupport.com\)](#)
  - Includes 2022 operational items, anchor sets, annotation forms, statistics and practice sets, and more
- [KY | Practice Tests \(mypearsonsupport.com\)](#)
  - Practice items, answer keys and rubrics
- [Grades 3-5 Online Test Tutorial](#)
- [Grades 6-High School Test Tutorial](#)
- [KY | Home \(mypearsonsupport.com\)](#)
  - Contains other resources, including manuals, scripts, technology requirements and more
- [Climate and Safety Items Grades 3 - 5](#)
- [Climate and Safety Items Grades 6 - High School](#)

# AKSA Resources

- [Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment Combined Resources - Kentucky Department of Education](#)
- [Sample Test Items - Kentucky Department of Education](#)
- [Kentucky Academic Standards - Alternate KSA - Kentucky Department of Education](#)
- [Alternate Assessment Climate and Safety Items Grades 3-5](#)
- [Alternate Assessment Climate and Safety Items Grades 6-12](#)

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# Upcoming Projects Involving Kentucky Teachers

# Summer Assessment Projects

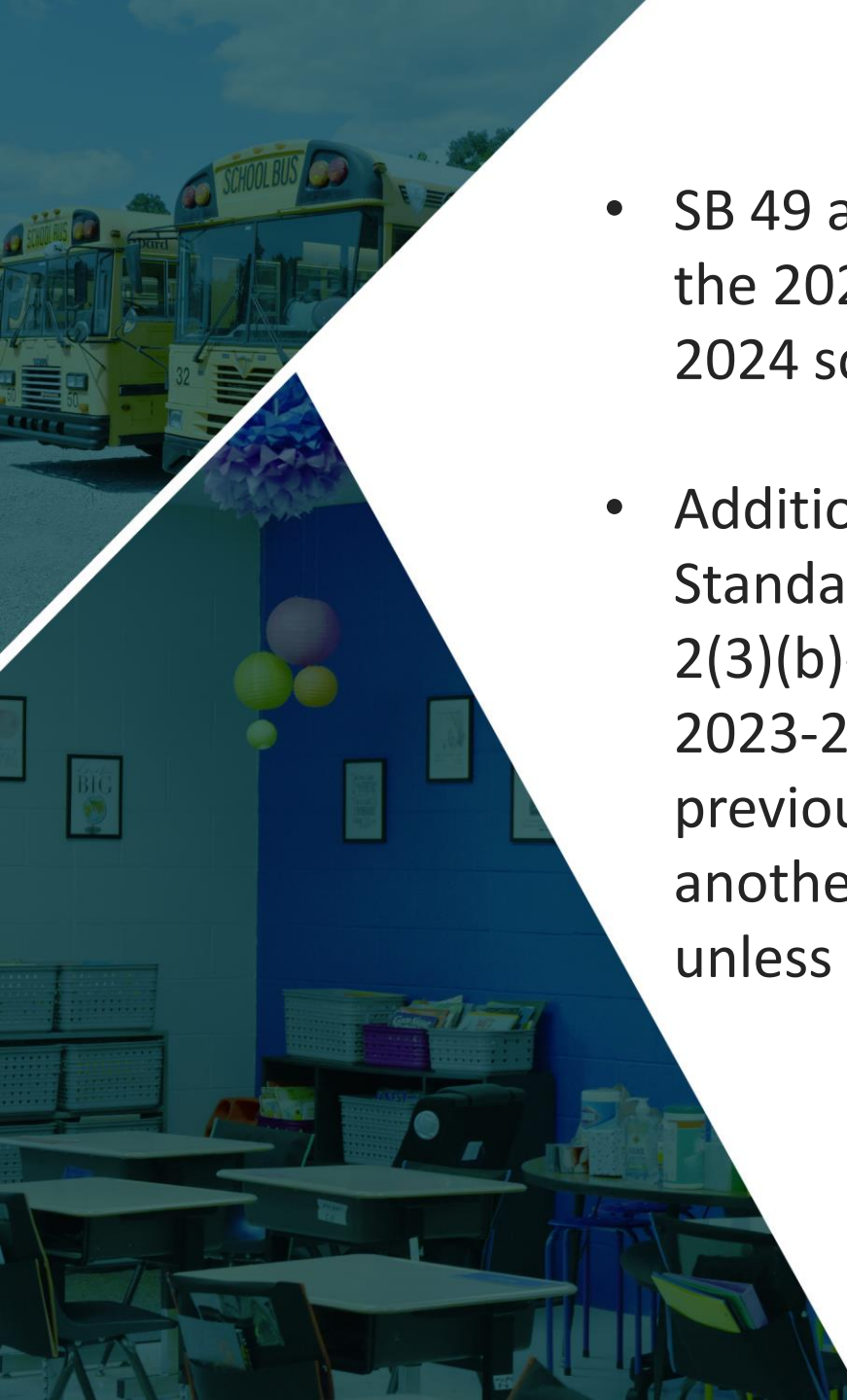
- Standards Setting Validation
  - Organized by Pearson
  - Virtual meetings to be held June 5-9, 2023
  - One day per grade/content
- Kentucky English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards Alignment
  - Organized by HumRRO
  - Virtual meeting dates to be held mid-June or July
- Alternate Assessment Content and Bias
  - Organized by University of Kentucky
  - Various dates throughout the summer

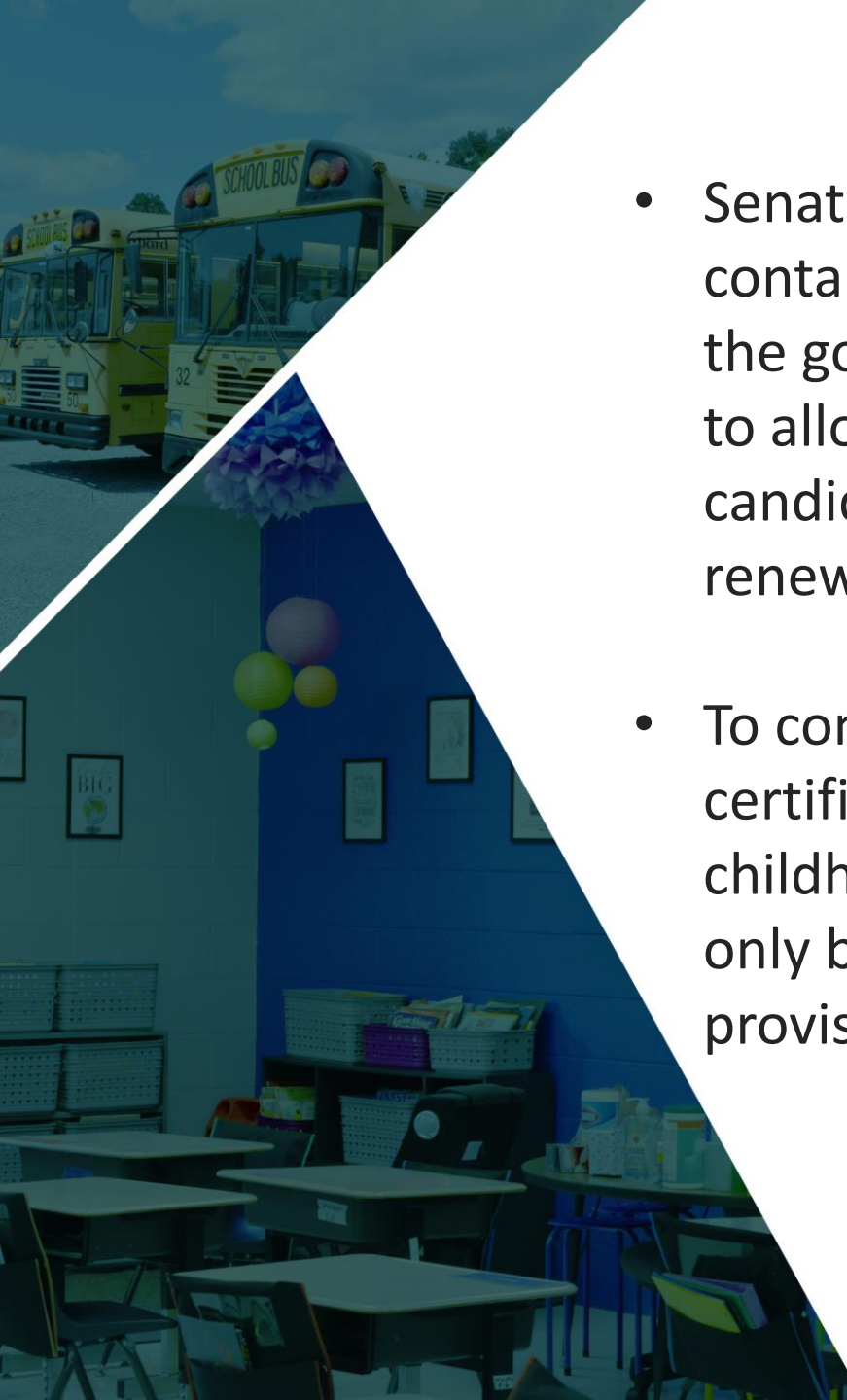
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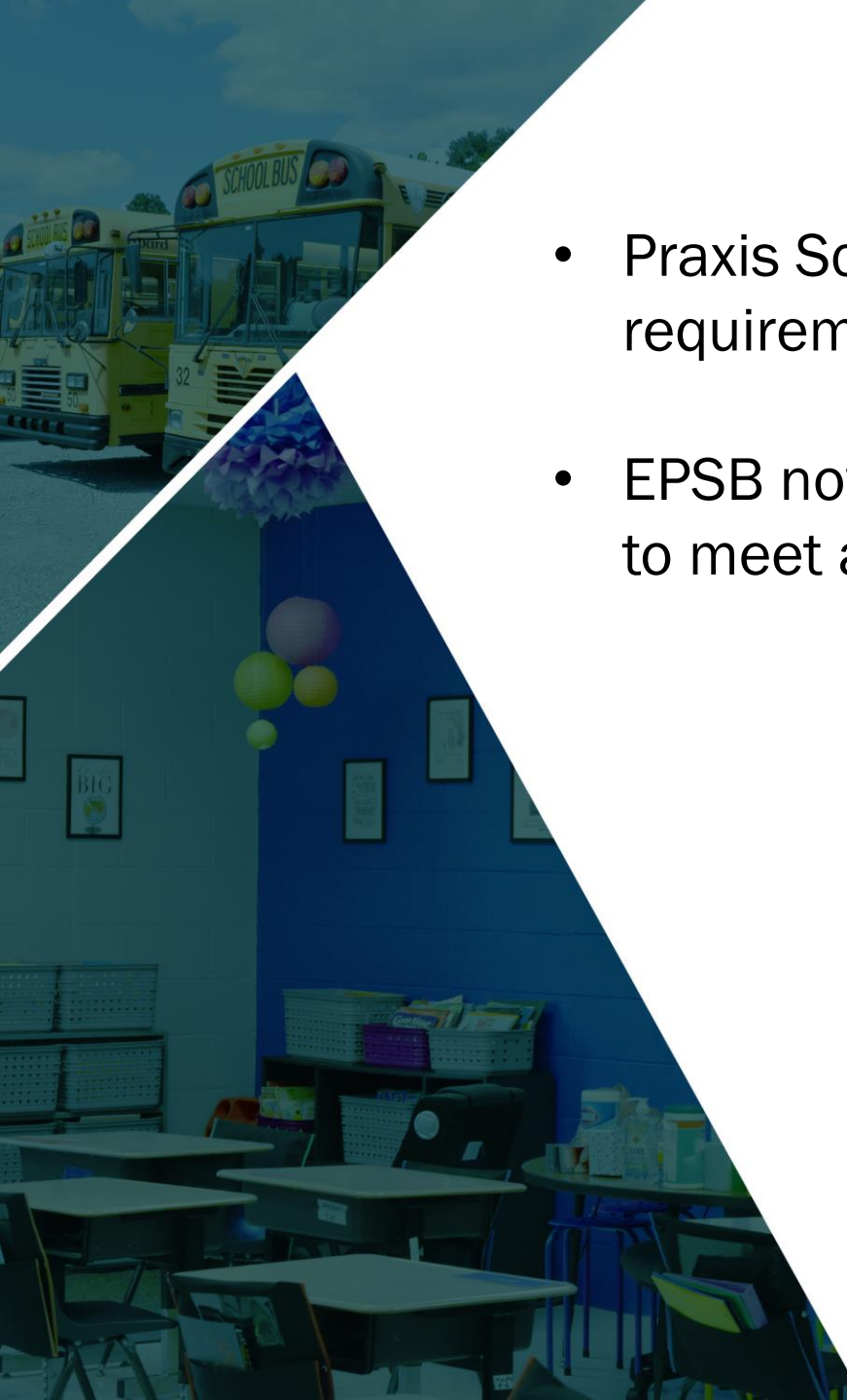
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Byron Darnall, Ed.D., KDE Associate Commissioner,  
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- SB 49 authorizes any person receiving emergency certification during the 2022-2023 school year to renew that certification for the 2023-2024 school year.
  - Additionally, at its April 10, 2023, meeting, the Education Professional Standards Board waived the requirements of 16 KAR 2:120, Section 2(3)(b)-(c), to allow reissuance of emergency certification for the 2023-2024 school year. This waiver will allow anyone who has previously been issued an emergency teaching certificate to be issued another emergency teaching certificate for the 2023-2024 school year unless KRS 161.120(1) applies.

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- Senate Bill 49 was signed by Gov. Andy Beshear on March 22. The bill contains an emergency clause, and therefore became effective upon the governor’s signature. Section 1 of the bill amends KRS 161.048 to allow the one-year temporary provisional certificate issued to a candidate in the Option 6 or Option 7 alternative route to be renewed up to four (4) times.
  - To comply with the federal law, those candidates pursuing certification to teach exceptional children or interdisciplinary early childhood education through the Option 6 or Option 7 route, will only be eligible for two (2) renewals of the one-year temporary provisional certificate.

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- Praxis Scores valid for 10 years (replaces previous 5-year recency requirement)
  - EPSB now accepts -1 SEM or Praxis Performance Assessment (PPAT) to meet assessment criteria

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# Legislative Update

Brian Perry

KDE Director of Government Relations



# Legislative Process

- Barring the governor calling lawmakers in for a special session, they won't be back in session again until January 2024.
- Any bill, or any section of a bill, with an emergency clause becomes effective immediately upon enrollment.
- Bills without an emergency clause become effective 90 days after sine die (March 30).
  - AG opinion 23-03: The effective date of legislation, other than general appropriation bills and acts containing emergency or delayed effective date provisions, passed during this session is Thursday, June 29, 2023.
- KDE's non-regulatory guidance can be found at here:
  - <https://education.ky.gov/districts/LegislativeGuidance/Pages/default.aspx>



# Senate Bills

- **Senate Bill (SB 3)** provide educators' liability insurance for certified employees of public schools
- **SB 5\*** allow parental challenges to materials, programs and events that may be harmful to minors
- **SB 7\*** wage deduction of dues, fees or charges associated with a labor organization or for political activities
- **SB 9** anti-hazing bill
- **SB 25\*** postsecondary readiness indicators
- **SB 49\*** changes to alternative teacher certification
- **SB 70** implements the performance-based professional development pilot project from the 2023-2024 school year through the 2025-2026 school year



# Senate Bills (Continued)

- **SB 93** relating to school property in Lewis County
- **SB 156** creates a statewide reading research center
- **SB 169** grants a local board of education the authority to enter into public-private partnerships on behalf of a local school district
- **SB 107\*** requires Senate confirmation of the commissioner and limit contracts to four years at a time
- **SB 150\*** parental rights, transgender prohibitions related to children under 18, requires school boards to adopt policies related to the use of restrooms, locker rooms or shower rooms
- **SB 247** allows transient public-school students to remain in their school if they move in-district
- **SJR 98** directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to study placing a new regional, residential, four-year university in southeastern Kentucky and the allocation of responsibility between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and regional universities

# House Bills

- **House Bill (HB) 3** juvenile justice bill
- **HB 5\*** bourbon barrel tax
- **HB 13** increases the time period allowed for the required physical examination from 12 to 24 months for school bus drivers
- **HB 32\*** allows for the hiring of classified personnel without a high school diploma or equivalent if the district provides the employee the opportunity to obtain a high school equivalency diploma at no cost to the employee
- **HB 244** Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program
- **HB 241** to clarify the evidence requirements for exemption from compulsory attendance due to physical or mental conditions
- **HB 319** teacher recruitment and retention

# House Bills (Continued)

- **HB 331** emergency medical preparedness of schools
- **HB 393** surplus property
- **HBs 444\* and 448\*** appropriations bill
- **HB 538** student discipline bill
- **HB 506** classified retirees can return after one month
- **HB 540** school safety bill related to private and parochial schools
- **HB 547** prohibits a school district from punishing an employee for engaging in private religious expression otherwise protected by the First Amendment absent a showing of engaging in actual coercion
- **HB 553\*** additional SEEK funding for growth districts this fiscal year

# HB 319

- **Section 1** adopts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.
- **Section 2** mandates that KDE develop a system for school districts to report exit survey information without providing personally identifiable information for use in evaluating factors impacting teacher retainment.
- **Section 3** relates to the KEPS system and directs the department to operate and maintain the system to ensure that job postings are current, including tracking each unique position posted, monitoring for repeated position postings, and removing outdated postings, and to collect accurate data about employment in public schools. Also requires the department to report annually to the IJC on Education regarding job postings.
- **Section 4** makes changes to the existing teacher scholarship program but does not appropriate additional funding.
- **Section 5** amends KRS 161.048 to require the EPSB to establish procedures to issue alternative route candidates an eligible-for-hire letter.
- **Section 6** directs districts to post vacancies in the Kentucky Educator Placement Service System at least 15 days before being filled.
- **Section 7** directs OELE to undertake a review of the alternative pathway teacher certification options and processes and the level of participation in each to identify areas for improvement, including but not limited to duplication, inefficiencies and unnecessary or outdated requirements that cause barriers to candidates and option providers seeking to use alternative teacher pathways to fill needed teacher shortages. A report is due to the IJC on Education by Oct 1.
- **Section 8** creates a new one-year interim certificate, renewable for up to two years, for those with a bachelor's degree and at least four years of work experience in the area in which certification is being sought (along with other requirements).
- **Section 9** will allow teachers to submit a statement instead of a notarized affidavit for sick leave.
- **Section 10** does the same things for other school employees and their personal leave.

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# Question and Answer Session

*(Submit Questions via Google Form)*

KDE Leadership Team





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# Next Superintendents Webcast

May 9, 2023

(KDE will be from either Mayfield Ind. or Dawson Springs Ind.)



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