

**TITLE:** Commonwealth Education Continuum Update

**DESCRIPTION:** The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received its annual update on the work and initiatives of the Commonwealth Education Continuum.

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### **COMMITTEE'S REVIEW**

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information update at their October 23, 2023, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the November 17 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions. A copy of the slides presented are included in your materials.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC), a P-20 council, exists to strengthen Kentucky's education pipeline. Its work addresses the moral imperative for all students to have access and opportunity to earn degrees and credentials that lead to sustainable, competitive-wage careers. This collaborative effort will help Kentucky meet the 60 X 30 goal.

Established in 2021, the Continuum is co-chaired by Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) President Dr. Aaron Thompson, and Kentucky Commissioner of Education. It consists of members whose expertise ranges from early childhood to the workforce.

Over the last year, the CEC has continued to seek stakeholder input and use data to address barriers and identify ways to increase transition to postsecondary. Due to the work of the CEC and leadership of CPE, the agency also received a [Launch grant from Education Strategies Group](#). Launch focuses on providing equitable and accelerated pathways for all students.

At the meeting, CPE staff will provide an update on the work of the CEC and Launch grant.