

**TITLE:** KDE Commissioner Report

**DESCRIPTION:** KDE Commissioner Jason Glass provided the following report for inclusion in the agenda materials. He will not attend the meeting in person, therefore this serves as his official report for September 19, 2023.

**PRESENTER:** Not applicable

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### **Interim Commissioner & Future Commissioner Update**

On 9.14.23, the Kentucky Board of Education selected [Robin Fields Kinney as the Interim Commissioner](#) of the Kentucky Department of Education. Robin had previously served as the Associate Commissioner over the Office of Finance and Operations. Robin is an experienced and capable leader who will provide steady and informed leadership as the Board and KDE search for a new permanent commissioner. The Board has authorized an RFP process for a search form to support them in their search for a new commissioner. As a result of SB 107 from the 2023 legislative session, the Board's selection of a new commissioner must now be confirmed by the state senate.

### **KDE Update**

The department continues its focus on implementing the state vision of [United We Learn](#), with its three focus areas of vibrant learning experiences for students, innovation (particularly around assessment and accountability), and collaboration with communities. The [Kentucky United We Learn Council](#) continues to meet on a regular basis to inform KDE and KBE on strategic steps and direction in support of the United We Learn vision.

In addition, KDE has bundled COVID relief resources and those available from the Kentucky General Assembly as part of the Read to Succeed program to offer LETRS literacy training free to Kentucky teachers through the [Kentucky Reading Academies](#). We have nearly 2,700 participants in the second cohort of this effort, an increase from 1,800 the previous year.

Kevin Dailey from Boone County was selected as the [2024 Teacher of the Year](#) at a [ceremony at the state capitol](#) last week. We congratulate all the nominees and award winners and everyone at KDE looks forward to working with Kevin during his ambassadorship term next semester.

### **Parting Note**

September 28, 2023, will be my last day serving as Commissioner of Education. I am [incredibly grateful for this experience](#), am proud of our accomplishments together, and will always treasure the memories of this time. In particular, I have tremendously enjoyed getting to know and work with all of you, Dr. Thompson, and the staff at CPE. I wish you all the very best in the years to come!