

CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE NEXT KENTUCKY
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
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***The Kentucky Board of Education
Is Seeking a Commissioner of Education who...***

- Has successfully met the challenges of leading a large organization dedicated to ambitious goals, high standards, and continuous improvement.
- Has demonstrated the ability to articulate a clear vision of quality education with documented evidence of consistent, positive results.
- Understands and appreciates Kentucky's institutions, culture, and political and educational leadership.
- Has a proven record of implementing programs that address the achievement gap with an emphasis on special needs, gifted and talented, African-American, Hispanic, culturally and linguistically diverse, and low socio-economic students, while focusing on the needs of all students.
- Is committed to producing measurable results in low-performing schools and reaching the goal of proficiency by 2014 in all Kentucky schools.
- Demonstrates an ability to inspire, motivate and build consensus among high-impact decision makers such as legislative, business, community, and school leaders.
- Is well informed about standards-based education and successful education reform efforts in Kentucky and throughout the nation.
- Is strongly committed to a student-first philosophy.
- Inspires trust, possesses self-confidence, and models high standards of integrity.
- Possesses excellent communication skills and can effectively establish dialogue with all stakeholder groups.
- Demonstrates an appreciation for and commitment to producing measurable results relative to issues of diversity.
- Holds an advanced degree.