

**Commissioner's School Counselor Advisory**  
**February 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m. ET**  
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*Purpose: The School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) is designed to provide the Commissioner of Education direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools. Bridging the gap between policy and practice, the SCAC advises the commissioner on educational priorities that meet the needs of the whole child, ensuring the provision to our community of a transition-ready workforce.*

**AGENDA**

**I. Welcome**

Michelle Sircy, Ed.D, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

**II. Roll Call of Members and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

Santina Plottner, Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, Project Director for School-Based Mental Health Services

**III. Welcome and KDE Greetings**

Robbie Fletcher, Ph.D., Commissioner of Education, Kentucky Department of Education  
Thomas Tucker, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

**IV. Chronic Absenteeism**

Ashley Gates, Education Program Consultant, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, Kentucky Department of Education

**V. Multilingual Learners**

Will Spalding, Multilingual Learner Specialist, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

**VI. School Counselor Advisory Feedback**

Michelle Sircy, Ed.D, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

**VII. Questions and Additional Feedback**

**VIII. Thank you and Adjournment**